

COUNTRY ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE: AUSTRALIA

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The purpose of this guidance is to tell you the criteria that you must meet for us to assess that you hold a professional qualification in social work that is equivalent to the UK qualification standard. The guidance also tells you the sections of the application form you need to complete and the documentary evidence that you need to provide. **You must read this guidance in order to fill in the application form.**

You can apply for registration as a social worker and are likely to meet our training requirements if you hold a qualification in social work which is accredited by (and gives eligibility to become a member of) the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW):

http://www.aasw.asn.au/about/education_eligibility/schools_sw.htm

You should hold either:

- a Bachelor of social work level of study leading to a BSW
- or**
- a Masters of social work level of study leading to a qualifying MSW social work qualification.

If you should apply for registration and do not hold a qualification in social work accredited by the AASW, your application is likely to be refused on training grounds and your application fee will not be refunded. This is because you have not trained and qualified in social work in Australia.

Completing Section four: Your social work qualification

You only need to complete questions one to eleven of Part A of Section four (Your social work qualification) **and** provide a verified copy of your qualification certificate or course transcript. It must state the title of your qualification, the name of the training establishment where you studied, the name of the awarding body (if different from the training establishment where you studied) and the date that the qualification was awarded.

Verification of documents

Your endorser must verify the documents by signing and dating each that you provide. For more information, see the Guidance for Social Workers who trained and qualified outside Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales applying for registration on the part of the Register for Social Workers.