
Returning to social work practice

As from November 1st 2015, social workers who wish to return to practice will need to demonstrate they have current knowledge and understanding of contemporary social work practice in order to apply for registration.

Whenever a social worker decides to return to professional registration and social work practice after a break, they are going to face changes in the workplace and in social work practice.

Social work draws on a wide range of knowledge and skills which may change as a result of research or new legislation or policy. The Care Council wants to enable social workers who are not currently registered to be able to apply for registration and enter the social work workforce with up to date knowledge and understanding of contemporary practice and so meet the Care Council standards required for registration.

The new requirements aim to ensure social workers have a framework through which to update their knowledge and understanding of contemporary social work. Applicants will need to demonstrate they have undertaken a minimum amount of updating. The amount of updating required relates to the period the applicant has not been registered and in practice.

The guide with full details of the return to practice requirements is available below:

> [How to return to social work practice in Wales a guide for social workers](#)

The portfolio of evidence for you to complete is available below:

> [Return to social work in Wales my portfolio of evidence](#)