

Referee Statement: New Application for Accredited Family Violence Social Worker (AFVSW) Status

Explanatory notes for employers/supervisors completing this reference

You have been asked to complete this statement by a social worker (applicant) who is seeking to become accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) as an AASW Accredited Family Violence Social Worker (AFVSW).

There are 6 criteria/components to the accreditation process. An applicant must:

- Hold current membership of the AASW;
- Have at least 2 years' full-time equivalent (FTE) **post-qualifying** social work experience in a Family Violence setting or demonstrably related position within the past five years. An applicant must be able to articulate how their experience meets the *AASW Family Violence Social Worker Capability Framework*;
- Have received at least 2 years' full-time equivalent (FTE) post-qualifying supervision in a Family Violence setting or demonstrably related position within the past five years
- Have met the current AFVSW Continuing Professional Development requirements as outlined in the AASW CPD Policy
- Arrange an employer or supervisor to provide a referee statement confirming skills, competencies and that 2 years' full-time equivalent (FTE) experience have been completed within the past 5 years in line with the recent practice requirement.

References

In preparing your reference you may find it helpful to refer to the documents below.

For further information about the criteria please refer to the:

- [Information and Criteria for the AASW Accredited Family Violence Social Worker Credential](#)

The AASW requires information on the applicant's capabilities to practice according to the:

- [AASW Family Violence Capability Statement](#)

For further information about supervision please refer to the:

- [AASW Supervision Standards 2014](#)

Please note that you **may** be contacted directly by the assessing officer if further clarification is needed.

Please return this reference to the applicant to include in their online application, OR if you prefer, forward directly to: credentialing@asw.asn.au

or

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Section 1: Referee and Applicant Details

This is to be completed by an employer/supervisor - past or present.
Please note: you must 'Save As' before completing the document.

Name of AFVSW Applicant:

Personal details of referee:

Preferred title: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other

Full name

Position/job title:

Organisation:

Address:

Phone Contact:

Email:

Relationship with applicant:

Please describe your relationship with the applicant and the nature of your role as employer/supervisor.
Please include relevant dates and details of the practice setting in which you work (or worked) with the applicant. If you require more space, please feel free to attach a separate typed and signed page.



Please provide comments regarding the applicant's employment equivalence within the last 5 years (for example 'the applicant currently is employed 0.8 FTE however, from Jan 2019 - Oct 2020 was employed full time').

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Please state your qualifications and experience in the family violence field. Please also comment on supervision experience.



Section 2: Referee Statement

Please provide a referee statement related to the applicant. Please include your assessment of the applicant's capability, knowledge and skills to provide social work services in the family violence field.

A suggestion is to try and keep your entry to 500 words. If you require more space, please feel free to attach a separate signed page.



Section 3: Accredited Family Violence Social Worker – Capability Framework

The [Capability Framework for AASW Accredited Family Violence Social Workers](#) is used by applicants applying for accreditation to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and experience in family violence. We structured this referee statement using this Framework as a foundation.

Please tick the appropriate box against each of the capabilities listed to indicate that, in your view the applicant meets or does not meet this capability. There is additional space for comments if required.

Specialist Knowledge		Yes	No	N/A
	Knowledge of key legislative, policy, practice and theoretical frameworks			
Further Comments:				

Capability 1: Engages effectively with those accessing services		Yes	No	N/A
Ability 1a	Provides responses within appropriate theoretical and practice-based frameworks			
Ability 1b	Engages appropriately with those from Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities			
Ability 1c	Engages appropriately with those from diverse communities			
Further Comments:				

Capability 2: Identifies and assesses family violence risk		Yes	No	N/A
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Further Comments:				

Capability 3: Manages risk and prioritises safety		Yes	No	N/A
Ability 3a	Manges risk, including high risk and complex needs, in an ongoing way			
Ability 3b	Promotes accountability and establishes change-promoting relationships with perpetrators of family violence			
Further Comments:				

Capability 4: Provides effective services		Yes	No	N/A
Ability 4a	Leads coordination and monitoring of multidisciplinary case management plans, and modifies plans, where required			
Ability 4b	Supports women to maintain a parenting role in instances of family violence			
Ability 4c	Develops cross sector and multidisciplinary practice and capacity to respond appropriately to family violence			
Ability 4d	Develops systems to support evidence-based practice and deliver services against outcome measures)			
Ability 4e	Works within established protocols and procedures of their sector /system /organisation			
Ability 4f	Provides consultation services, support, supervision and debriefing to multidisciplinary organisations			
Further Comments:				

Capability 5: Advocates for legislative, policy and practice reform within the context of their role		Yes	No	N/A
Ability 5a	Engages in activities to increase awareness of family violence across the broader community			
Ability 5b	Works with others to achieve legislative and policy reform	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability 5c	Makes recommendations to government on policy and practice reforms required			
Further Comments:				

Recommendation	Yes	No
In your professional opinion is the applicant capable of practicing in either directly or indirectly, in accordance with the AASW Family Violence Social Worker Capability Framework?		

Section 4: Declaration

I declare that:

1. The information I have supplied on this form and any attachments is complete, correct and up to date.
2. I have read and understood the information supplied to me in the explanatory notes accompanying this application.

Signature:

Date:

How to Submit

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