

Draft AASW Practice Standards April 2022

Standard 1: Social workers conduct themselves according to the values, principles and guidelines of the AASW Code of Ethics 2020.

Standard 2: Social workers practice in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the spirit of self-determination as agents of change, advancement and healing.

Standard 3: Social workers advocate for policy initiatives and approaches to practice aimed at achieving fair and equitable access for people to social, health, economic, environmental and political resources.

Standard 4: Social workers practice respectfully and inclusively with regard to culture and diversity.

Standard 5: Social workers practice within a professional knowledge framework informed by a critical understanding of contemporary social work theory and research.

Standard 6: Social workers make professional decisions on the basis of a holistic assessment of the needs, strengths, goals and preferences of people.

Standard 7: Social workers actively contribute to strengthening and promoting the identity and standing of the profession.

Standard 8: Social workers strengthen and build their practice through critical reflection, mentoring support and constructive feedback from senior social workers and colleagues.

Standard 9: Social workers monitor their skills, knowledge and expertise to maintain, improve and broaden their professional development.