

If you answered NO to one or more of the above questions, please be advised that you must be able to demonstrate recency of practice, as outlined above, as well as all other specified criteria in this application, to proceed with this application. If you are not eligible to apply for reinstatement of AMHSW status, please refer to the [Mental Health](#) page for information about applying for AMHSW status. For queries about eligibility for reinstatement of AMHSW status or eligibility to apply, please contact the Mental Health team on mental.health@asw.asn.au or 03 9320 1077.

If you answered YES to both of the above questions, please proceed with this application form.

Criteria 3: Supervision

Applicants for reinstatement should be able to show that their practice has been formally supervised, in line with the *AASW Supervision Standards 2014*. To read the full document, please click [here](#). Generally, supervisors should have a higher level of practice experience than their supervisees, and should have some training in supervision. For the purposes of reinstatement of AMHSW status, the supervisor or employer does not necessarily need to have a social work background, but should have provided the applicant/ supervisee with appraisal and assessment in relation to practice in a mental health field (ie: psychologist; medical practitioner, or a mental health nurse).

As per the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Policy, you must have undertaken at least 10 hours of supervision within the past 12 months.

Have you undertaken at least 10 hours of supervision within the past 12 months? Yes OR No

* If no, you will need to meet the supervision requirements before proceeding to submit this application.

Criteria 4: Continuing Professional Development

Applicants for reinstatement of AMHSW status need to be able to demonstrate the completion of CPD requirements; these CPD requirements must also be completed to maintain accreditation status. The CPD requirements for AMHSWs comprise at least 50 hours CPD per membership year, including accruing 20 CPD hours specific to mental health and 10 CPD hours specific to Focused Psychological Strategies. AMHSWs must retain supporting documentation for all CPD activities. You do not need to submit this evidence to the AASW unless you are selected as part of a random audit. For further information regarding the CPD requirements please click [here](#).

Have you recorded the professional development you have engaged in for the financial year using 'My CPD Record' and have you met the Accredited Mental Health Social Worker CPD requirements? Yes OR No

*If no, you will need to meet the CPD requirements before proceeding to submit this application.

Criteria 5: Demonstrated clinical social work practice

If you have previously held AMHSW accreditation, you are automatically deemed as meeting this criteria.

You do not need to re-submit responses to the case studies.

Criteria 6: Referee statement

All applicants for re-instatement of AMHSW accreditation are required to submit a [Referee Statement Form](#) completed by an employer or supervisor either past or present. It is necessary for the referee to confirm the claims made by the applicant. The primary purpose of the referee statement is to seek information about the applicant's skills and competencies in practice. The referee statement also needs to verify that you have had 2 years full time equivalent, post qualifying, practice experience within the past 5 years in a mental health or demonstrably related position. If one employer/supervisor is not able to verify 2 years full time equivalent, please arrange for an additional employer/supervisor to complete a referee statement document.

Payment of fee:

If reinstating your AMHSW accreditation between May and December, an accreditation fee of \$250 applies. If reinstating your accreditation between January to the end of April, the accreditation fee will be \$150, in recognition that the period of accreditation is only for part of the year.

Cheque or Money order

BPAY

Payable to the; Australian Association of Social Workers

An invoice will be emailed to you with BPAY codes, once your application has been submitted

Please attach cheque or money order securely to your application if submitting together

Master card

Visa card

Credit card number:

Expiry:

CVV:

Amount payable:

Cardholders name:

Cardholder's signature:

Applicant's declaration and consent:

You must read and sign the following declaration.

I declare that:

The information I have supplied on this form and any attachments are complete, correct and up-to-date. I understand that any misleading statement or omission may cause my application to be rejected;

I undertake to inform the AASW of any changes to my circumstances (e.g. address);

I authorise and consent to the AASW making any enquiries necessary to assist in the assessment of my qualifications and experience and to use any information supplied in this application for that purpose;

If reinstatement of AMHSW status is awarded, I will adhere to meeting the ongoing membership requirements for the AASW and mental health accreditation.

I understand that the AASW is responsible for the ongoing monitoring of my eligibility for AMHSW status. I consent to the AASW conducting random audits of AMHSWs Continuing Professional Development. The AASW will inform Medicare Australia, should my AMHSW accreditation be temporarily suspended or permanently removed

Signature

Date

How to lodge your application:

How to lodge your application and supporting documentation:

Email: mental.health@asw.asn.au OR

Post to: AASW, Mental Health Team

PO Box 2008, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Victoria 3050