

Transferring to Non-Practising

The BC College of Social Workers has a class of registration for registrants who are not currently active in the practise of social work. While in the Non-Practising class, a registrant cannot practise social work in British Columbia in any capacity. This includes paid or volunteer positions.

A non-practising registrant cannot represent oneself as a Registered Social Worker or use the abbreviation RSW. A registrant in the Non-Practising class may only represent oneself as a “Non-Practising Registrant”.

To become a non-practising social worker, complete the ‘Non-Practising Declaration’ (page 2) and return to the College. Transfers cannot be completed over the phone. The difference in registration fees will be refunded and you will be able to access a receipt from your online member service account.

Please note that Non-Practising Registrants are still required to pay an annual registration renewal fee by January 31 each year. The renewal fee is \$63 for registrants in the Non-Practising class.

Prior to your return to active social work practice in British Columbia, you will be required to complete the ‘Return to Practise Declaration’, and submit a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) learning plan. The CPD requirements differ depending on the length of time a registrant has been in the Non-Practising class. The details of the CPD requirements can be reviewed on the College [website](#). If you require clarification, please contact the College at 604-737-4916.

Non-Practising Declaration

I, _____, _____,
Name Registration Number

hereby apply for non-practising status under section 44 of the Bylaws of the BC College of Social Workers.

I declare I will not practise social work in any capacity, on a paid or volunteer basis in British Columbia so long as I am in the non-practising class.

I understand that I may only represent myself as a Non-Practising Registrant in British Columbia.

I understand that I will need to complete and meet the return to practice requirements before I return to the active practise of social work in British Columbia.

I have read the information about non-practising on page 1.

Signature Date

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Note: If you wish to be transferred to the Non-Practising class *at a later date*, please indicate the date on which your non-practising status should begin to take effect. If you wish to be transferred to the Non-Practising class immediately, please leave this section blank. Please note that the non-practising status cannot be applied retroactively.

Non-Practising status to take effect as of: _____ (YYYY/MM/DD)