

AASW Practice Standards

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 to support their priorities and aspirations.

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 build and strengthen their practice through regular structured supervision from social work qualified supervisors.

Standard 9

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