

**NOTICE OF MEASURE**  
**to Achieve a Legitimate objective under Chapter 7 of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)**

**Approved by the GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

**Regulated Occupation Name: Social Workers**

**Province(s)/Territory(ies) whose workers are affected:**

Alberta and Saskatchewan

**Under which legitimate objective(s) is/are the measure(s) being filed:**

Consumer protection

**Rationale/Justification:**

Material Scope of Practice Difference: The minimum academic standard for social work certification in Ontario is consistent with the standard established by most provinces and territories, specifically graduation from a four- year university social work program accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work (now called the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE), or equivalent. The minimum academic standard for persons certified in Alberta and Saskatchewan is graduation from a two-year diploma or certificate program and there are material differences in the scope of practice of certified social workers in Ontario and those in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Graduation from an accredited social work program, i.e., a four-year university program, provides assurance that the graduate has the skills, knowledge and abilities required to undertake the Ontario scope of practice. There is no assurance that graduates of a two-year diploma or certificate program have the requisite knowledge and skill to practice in Ontario without an individual assessment of the academic qualifications of such individuals.

**Additional Requirement(s):**

Individually assess the academic qualifications of applicants certified in Alberta or Saskatchewan to determine if they have the knowledge and skills equivalent to the Ontario certification for a Social Worker (SW) or Social Service Worker (SSW).

**Anticipated Duration of the additional requirement(s):**

Until Alberta and Saskatchewan adopt equivalent education / entry to practice standards.

**Date Approved:**

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