

**N. Ireland Post-Qualifying
Education & Training Partnership**

Verification of Currency Report by Line Manager

This form is required by candidates at the point of being awarded their Post Qualifying or Advanced Award in Social Work where any of the Requirements of the relevant award were achieved more than five years previously.

Candidate's Name: _____

Candidate's Position: _____

Agency: _____

Area of Work: _____

Line Manager's Name: _____

Line Manager's Position: _____

1. Identify the level of Award being verified: (please tick)

Post Qualifying Award in Social Work Part 1 _____

Post Qualifying Award in Social Work Part 2 _____

Advanced Award in Social Work _____

2. Identify the Requirements being verified:

- 3. Comment on how the candidate's current practice meets the required level of competence for the Award/Requirements being verified. (see attached notes on competence levels).**

- 4. Comment on how the candidate has sought or been enabled to maintain the currency of the Requirements achieved.**

- 5. Any other comments you would wish to make in support of the candidate's application.**

Signed:

Line Manager

Date

Post Qualifying and Advanced Award in Social Work: Competence Levels

The PQSW is designed to:

- I. develop and extend the level of competence acquired at qualifying level;**
- II. develop and extend worker's level of competence in areas of complex work;
and**
- III. develop worker's supervisory, training, consultancy or management skills**

The PQSW is divided in to two parts. Part 1 recognises the level of competence achieved by a social worker who has *consolidated the learning acquired by the point of DipSW qualification.*

Part 11 recognises the competence of social workers who *are involved in complex work and who have gone on to contribute to the development of others, for example, students, colleagues, volunteers, foster carers.*

The AASW provides the opportunity for *advanced professional competence* to be recognised, thus promoting and encouraging the *level of skill necessary to ensure quality of service delivery.* Social workers who meet the requirements for the award should therefore, *be able to provide clear leadership and expertise in their area of work.*