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The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), through its Board of Accreditation and Department of Social Work Accreditation, maintains established reaffirmation and candidacy fee schedules to support the operations of the accreditation processes for applicant, candidate, and accredited social work education programs as well as post-master's social work fellowship programs. CSWE reviews its fee structure periodically along with budget projections for the coming years. The results of these reviews are used to determine whether the fees or the structure applied to fee collection should be modified to meet the requirements of an autonomous operational budget supported by accreditation fees as expected for an accrediting organization recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Given the release of the 2022 Educational Policies and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) and costs associated with the review of programs for reaffirmation, candidacy, and substantive changes, a new accreditation fee schedule has been released. These fees will be effective for programs submitting reaffirmation materials, candidacy applications, and substantive change proposals as of **July 1, 2024, and thereafter**. CSWE accreditation fees were last changed in 2017 following the release of the 2015 EPAS.

Summary of Changes to Accreditation Fees

Social Work Education Program Reaffirmation Fees

- This change will apply to accredited programs with a reaffirmation date of June 2025 and thereafter.
- Each program will receive separate invoices with the new fees beginning July 1, 2024.
- With this change, reaffirmation fees will now include on-demand asynchronous modules and live synchronous sessions for any CSWE member associated with a CSWE-accredited program.

Social Work Education Program Candidacy Fees

- Candidacy fee increases will go into effect July 1, 2024, for programs applying for candidacy eligibility. Programs that submit their candidacy application prior to July 1, 2024, will be charged the current candidacy fees through initial accreditation.
- With this change, candidacy fees will now include on-demand asynchronous modules and live synchronous sessions for any CSWE member associated with a CSWE-candidate program.

Social Work Education Program Substantive Change Fee

- A new substantive change fee will go into effect July 1, 2024, for programs submitting a Substantive Change Proposal to add a location-based or online program option to their accredited scope.

Post-Master's Social Work Fellowship Program Fees

- This change will apply to accredited fellowship programs effective July 1, 2024.
- Programs that submit their initial accreditation eligibility application prior to July 1, 2024, will be charged the current fees through initial accreditation. New fees for post-master's social work fellowship programs will go into effect July 1, 2024, for programs seeking initial accreditation.

Please direct any inquiries about the accreditation fees or invoicing to feesaccred@cswe.org.

Social Work Education Programs
Accreditation Fees

Reaffirmation Eligibility, Reaffirmation, and Training Fees		
FEE CATEGORY	CURRENT FEE	NEW FEE (effective July 1, 2024, for programs with reaffirmation dates of June 2025 and thereafter)
Reaffirmation Eligibility Application Fee	\$1,500	\$2,500
Reaffirmation Fee	\$3,500	\$5,250
Reaffirmation Training	\$750 (optional; up to four attendees)	\$0 (now included in reaffirmation fee; unlimited attendees)
Total Reaffirmation Fees	\$5,750	\$7,750

Candidacy Fees		
FEE CATEGORY	CURRENT FEE	NEW FEE (for programs starting candidacy process July 1, 2024, and thereafter)
Candidacy Eligibility Fee	\$10,000	\$12,500
Candidacy Visit 1 Fee	\$5,000	\$7,000
Candidacy Visit 2 Fee	\$5,000	\$7,000
Initial Accreditation Fee (includes initial accreditation eligibility application fee)	\$5,000	\$7,000
Total Candidacy Fees	\$25,000	\$33,500

Substantive Change Fee		
FEE CATEGORY	CURRENT FEE	NEW FEE (for programs submitting a Substantive Change Proposal July 1, 2024, and thereafter)
Substantive Change Fee	\$0	\$1,250

Post-Master's Social Work Fellowship Programs
Accreditation Fees

Fellowship Program Reaffirmation Fees		
FEE CATEGORY	CURRENT FEE	NEW FEE (effective July 1, 2024)
Fellowship Annual Fee	\$1,000	\$1,500
Fellowship Reaffirmation Fee	\$2,000	\$3,000
Total Fellowship Reaffirmation Fees	\$3,000	\$4,500

Fellowship Program Initial Accreditation Fees		
FEE CATEGORY	CURRENT FEE	NEW FEE (for programs submitting accreditation eligibility applications July 1, 2024 and thereafter)
Fellowship Accreditation Eligibility Fee	\$2,000	\$3,500
Initial Fellowship Accreditation Fee	\$2,000	\$3,000
Total Fellowship Initial Accreditation Fees	\$4,000	\$6,500