THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Master of Social Work (Qualifying)
Application Information Sheet and
Supporting Documentation Checklist 2027

Thank you very much for considering further studies in the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) program. The document will help you (a) understand the application process for the Master of Social Work (Qualifying), as it is different to the application process of other programs, and (b) check that you have all the necessary documents for your MSW(Q) application.

The Application Process

Step 1. Make sure you download the (a) 2027 Supplementary Form and (b) the 2027 Referee Report from the 'How to apply' section of the Courses page before domestic applications open on 28 August 2026. Please send the referee report to your referee/s immediately, as they may need some time to complete it and send it back to us directly.

Step 2. Have the following documents scanned and ready for uploading as a PDF, JPEG or any standard medium. There is no need to have these certified. You will need at least the following:

a) Driver's Licence, or any photo ID
b) Passport, Birth Certificate or Citizenship Documents
c) Tertiary studies academic transcripts (not necessary for USyd alumni)
d) Employment Records or any letter or statement from your employer/s that supports your employment history
e) Curriculum Vitae (CV) or personal resume

Step 3. Once you have completed the 2027 Supplementary Form and your personal statement, begin your application for the Master of Social Work (Qualifying).

Step 4. Complete the online form in Sydney Student and upload the documents. Please note that the system might recommend that you upload other items, but the five items above (plus your Supplementary form and Referee report) are considered enough.

Step 5. Wait for the assessment.

If your application is successful, you will be contacted by email, and your email address will be included in a mailing system that will assist you in accepting your offer via Sydney Student. If your application is unsuccessful, you will be informed by email as well.

All applications, including supplementary documentation, must be uploaded and completed by **15 December 2026 for domestic applications and 1 December 2026 for international applications,**. Only completed applications will be assessed. Complete applications received after this time will only be considered if spots are still available. No guarantees will be given for applications received after the deadline.

Checklist of Supporting Documentation

- Completed Master of Social Work (Qualifying) supplementary form (https://sydney.edu.au/courses/courses/pc/master-of-social-work-qualifying.html).
- Referee report/s – at least one (1) for domestic applicants and at least two (2) for international applicants (https://sydney.edu.au/courses/courses/pc/master-of-social-work-qualifying.html) Please note that some referees may be contacted to clarify the information in your application. *To be completed by nominated referee(s).*
- Curriculum Vitae (CV), preferably not longer than 4 pages.
- Scanned copy of all relevant undergraduate academic transcripts (not applicable if tertiary study was completed at the University of Sydney).
- Statement of employment and/or voluntary service in human and community services for at least **two (2) full time years** (or equivalent) **within the past seven (7) years**. *To be completed by employer and/or volunteer organisation.*
- Two (2) forms of **photo** identification, one of which **must** be a birth certificate or passport or any evidence of citizenship or permanent residency.
- Results of an English language proficiency test, conducted within the last two years, if the majority of applicant's undergraduate study was completed in a country where English is not the first language.

Regarding **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)**
In the online application, applicants for other degrees will have the capacity to apply for RPL. However, as MSW(Q) students have to submit a portfolio as part of the RPL process (in accordance to AASW guidelines), you will need to apply for RPL some other time. This will be discussed in greater detail during the **welcome session the week before the start of semester.**

Failure to submit the required documents listed above before the published cut-off dates will result in the application being delayed or rejected.

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