



## **OPSWA Endorses Ontario's New Health and Supportive Care Providers Oversight Authority for PSWs**

The Ontario Personal Support Workers Association (OPSWA) is pleased to endorse the Government of Ontario's establishment of the Health and Supportive Care Providers Oversight Authority (HSCPOA), which provides the much-needed registration and oversight for personal support workers (PSWs) across the province.

All PSWs in Ontario are now able to register with the HSCPOA, solidifying our essential role in the health care system. This important step ensures that PSWs will meet rigorous standards for education and training, providing patients with the confidence that their care is being delivered by qualified front-line workers.

In addition, those who are registered with the HSCPOA will be included on a publicly accessible online register, providing clear and verifiable proof of their credentials.

OPSWA is pleased to note that the HSCPOA has included our members in the process of two pathways to registration. All OPSWA members who wish to take advantage of this opportunity by registering through Path 1 or Path 2 via the official website can do so here: <https://hscpoa.com/applicants/opswa-members/>.

After 14 years of OPSWA being at the forefront of advocating for the professional recognition of PSWs, this marks a momentous achievement for the profession in Ontario. The HSCPOA works to enhance the professionalism of our workforce and improving the quality of care that patients receive throughout the province.

We would like to extend our gratitude to this government for their commitment to the PSW profession. The government's leadership in formally acknowledging and supporting the vital contributions of PSWs will leave a lasting legacy within our community.

For more information, please see: <https://hscpoa.com/> or see image below.

For more information on becoming a member of the OPSWA, please visit: <https://ontariopsassociation.com/memberships/>

## Benefits to Registration

### How to become a Registrant

Ontario PSW Education  
Employed as a PSW in Ontario  
Labour Mobility  
Competency Assessment  
Recognition of Nurses and Midwives

### OPSWA Members

### Policies and Forms

### FAQs

## OPSWA Members – How to Apply for HSCPOA PSW Registration

Welcome to HSCPOA's PSW Application process! PSWs are vital members of Ontario's health care system.

The Health and Supportive Care Providers Oversight Authority (HSCPOA) holds registered Personal Support Workers (PSWs) accountable to HSCPOA's Code of Ethics to deliver safe, quality, ethical care. HSCPOA evaluates the eligibility of individuals who are applying for registration as a PSW in Ontario, enhancing public trust in registered PSWs and respect for the work they do.

### Most OPSWA members can apply for registration with HSCPOA through either [Path 1](#) or [Path 2](#).

The documentation you submitted during your application to become an OPSWA member is similar and can be used during HSCPOA's PSW registration process, with some exceptions.

Each OPSWA member must set up an account and apply directly to HSCPOA through the [online application form](#).

#### Path 1

### Ontario PSW Education

OPSWA members who completed **PSW education in Ontario on or after July 1, 2014**, can apply for registration with HSCPOA through Path 1.

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#### Path 2

### Employed as PSW in Ontario

OPSWA members who completed **PSW education in Ontario before July 1, 2014**, and have PSW work experience in Ontario in the past three years can apply for registration with HSCPOA through Path 2, Experience + Education.

Those who have never been formally educated as a PSW but have gained PSW skills through work experience AND have worked as a PSW in Ontario for at least 600 hours in the past three years can apply for registration with HSCPOA through Path 2, Experience only.

[Select Pathway >](#)