

# Annual Renewal Guide for HSCPOA Registered PSWs in Ontario

This Guide provides information about renewing your annual PSW registration with HSCPOA. Although accurate at the time of publication, subsequent changes may take place without prior notice. HSCPOA will attempt to advise PSW registrants of important changes but reserves the right to make any changes necessary at any time, without advance notice. Please visit our website at <a href="https://www.hscpoa.com">www.hscpoa.com</a> for the most current version of this Guide and for new or revised policies.

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## Introduction

HSCPOA registered PSWs play an important role in Ontario's healthcare system.

All current PSW registrants with HSCPOA **must** renew their registration annually to maintain their registration. This is required in law under the <u>HSCPOA Act, 2021</u>, and <u>section 13 of HSCPOA's bylaws</u>.

HSCPOA's annual renewal is due on March 31<sup>st</sup> each year. The renewal portal will open from February 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> each year for HSCPOA PSW registrants to complete their renewal.

Your PSW registration with HSCPOA will expire on April 1<sup>st</sup> unless you renew by the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline date <u>each year</u>.

If your PSW registration expires, you must apply for reinstatement with HSCPOA.

While PSW registration with HSCPOA remains voluntary, many employers have made it mandatory for their PSW employees to be registered with HSCPOA. Don't put your current or future PSW employment opportunities at risk, renew early!

Renewing your PSW registration with HSCPOA involves updating information in your registrant profile such as your contact information and employment status.

The renewal form will also ask questions about your personal care provider education, if applicable, and your personal care provider work history, within and outside Ontario, if applicable. These questions are required for HSCPOA's annual reporting requirements to the Ministry of Health. Information reported by HSCPOA to the Ministry of Health will be sent in anonymous format. Some questions will only be asked at your first annual renewal, other questions may be asked yearly.

## **Purpose of Renewal**

#### **Public Register of PSWs**

As per the <u>Register Regulation</u> under the <u>HSCPOA Act, 2021</u>, HSCPOA must have an accurate and searchable <u>Public Register of PSWs</u> on our website. Most of the information on HSCPOA's <u>Public Register of PSWs</u> is collected on the application form and at annual renewal. For details on what information appears on HSCPOA's Public Register of PSWs, <u>click here</u>.

As a registered PSW with HSCPOA you must ensure that HSCPOA has accurate information about you. This requirement is outlined in <a href="HSCPOA">HSCPOA</a>'s Code of Ethics, and the <a href="Register">Regulations</a>, which requires PSW registrants to notify HSCPOA within 30 days of any changes to their registrant profile information.

#### **Health Professions Database Reporting Requirements**

All PSWs registered with HSCPOA are required to answer questions on the annual renewal form for the Ministry of Health's Health Professions Database. The Ministry of Health provides the government with a snapshot of Ontario's regulated healthcare workforce to inform health human resources planning.

Some questions required for the Health Professions Database are only asked at your first annual renewal with HSCPOA. Other questions may be asked each year. All data that is reported is done in an anonymous format.

## **Fees**

There is **currently no fee** for HSCPOA PSW registrants to renew their registration. HSCPOA may charge fees for annual renewal in the future, subject to Ontario Ministry of Health decision making.

## **Extensions**

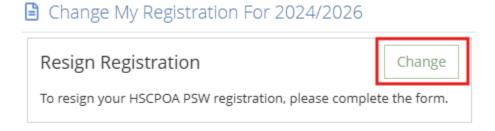
HSCPOA will consider granting extensions as per policy for PSW registrants to complete their annual renewal on a case-by-case basis. To make a renewal

extension request, please complete <u>HSCPOA's Annual Renewal Extension</u> <u>Request Form</u>.

For any questions about annual renewal, please refer to <u>HSCPOA's Annual Renewal FAQs</u>. If your question is not answered in the FAQs, please email: <u>registration@hscpoa.com</u>

## Resignation

If you wish to resign your PSW registration with HSCPOA, login to your Registrant Dashboard, and choose **Change** under the **Change My Registration** section as shown below:



## **How to Complete Annual Renewal**

Login to your HSCPOA PSW registrant profile, using your email address and password you set up when you originally applied for registration with HSCPOA. If you have forgotten your password or are not sure you remember it, please reset it.

If you need to reset your password:

- 1. On HSCPOA's PSW registrant login page, click on Forgot your password?
- 2. You will be sent an email to the address we have on file for you with a link that will enable you to reset your password.
- Make sure the email address we have on file is current and accessible, or you will not be able to change your password.
- If you encounter any issues logging in, try clearing your Cookies and Cache in your internet browser. An internet search can show you how to do this.

Once you are logged in to your PSW registrant profile, click the **Renew** button under the **Complete My Renewal** section:



#### Your Answers Must Reflect Information on the Day you Renew

Please read all Profile Update and Renewal questions carefully before you submit. The answers you provide must be accurate on the date that you complete your PSW annual renewal with HSCPOA.

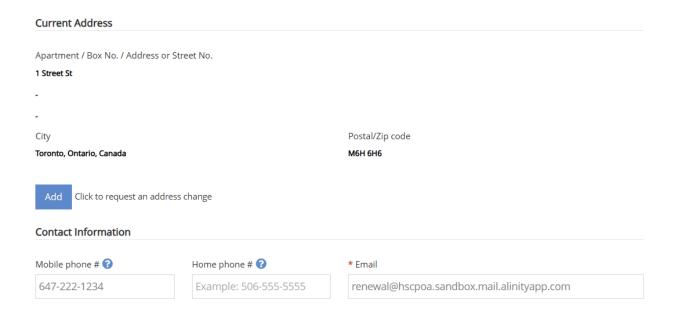
## **PART 1 – Profile Update**



The first section of annual renewal requires you to review your PSW registrant profile information. If there are any changes to the following, please provide updates to:

**Your personal contact details** – Includes preferred names, address, telephone, and email address. For name changes, you must provide supporting documentation:

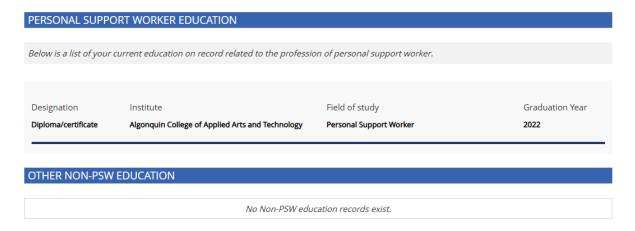
PERSONAL					
It is the registrant's responsibility to ensure HSCPOA has current and up-to-date contact and employment information. Please update your profile with any changes. We are committed to protecting the security of your personal information.					
Registration #	Gender	Birth date	Age		
7742	Female	2000-11-01	25		
Registration Pathway					
Ontario PSW Education					
Current Name					
Current Name					
First name	Preferred first name	Middle name(s)	Last name		
Annual			Renewal		
Do you have a preferred name that is different from your first name?					
○Yes					
Add Click to request a change to your legal name					



## **Languages of care** – Add any additional languages you can provide personal support services:



**Education** – Please email <u>registration@hscpoa.com</u> if your education information is incorrect or needs updating:



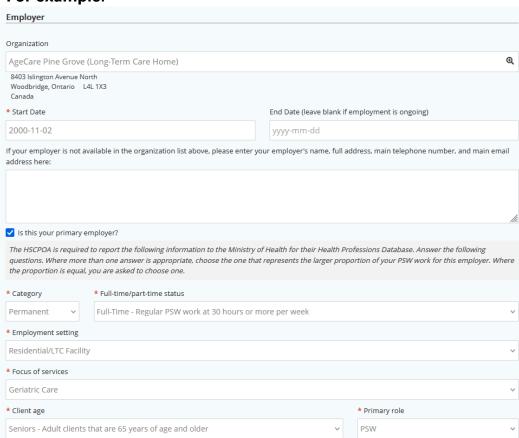
**Working Status** – Your employment information assists the Ministry of Health in their health human resource planning for PSWs. Select your current working status as a PSW through the dropdown list:



## **EMPLOYMENT**

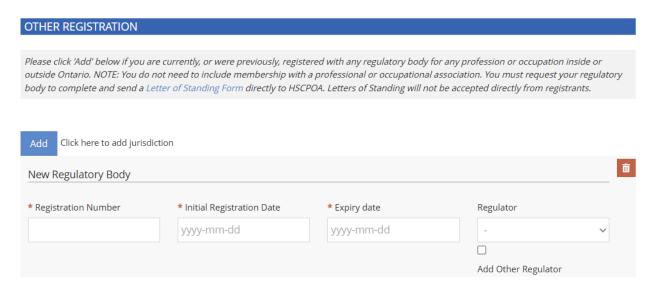
**Employment** – All current PSW employment must be **listed in your registrant profile since you became registered with HSCPOA**. Add any new employers. If you are no longer working somewhere, include the end date for this employer. If you still work for that employer, leave the end date blank.

## For example:



## OTHER REGISTRATION

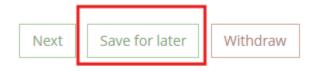
**Other Registration** – Include information if you are currently or have previously been registered with another regulatory body for any profession or occupation inside or outside Ontario:



Once you have completed your **Profile Update**, click the **Next** button to proceed to the **Renewal** section of the annual renewal form:



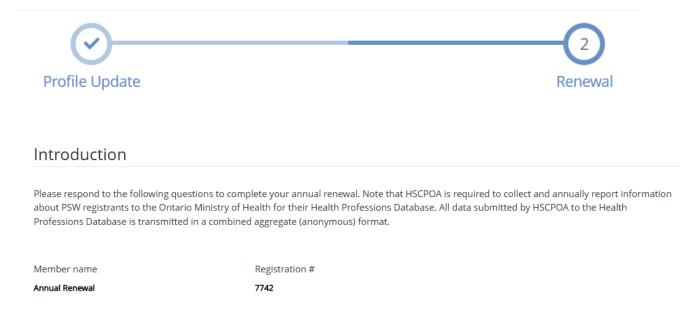
If you wish to save the information and return later, select Save for later:



You can then return later to complete your Profile Update and Renewal. Select **Update** as indicated below to complete your Profile Update and then complete your Renewal.

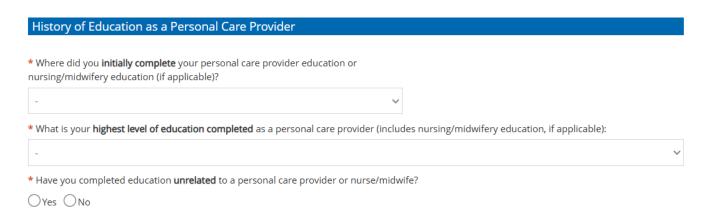


## **PART 2 – Annual Renewal**



## History of Education as a Personal Care Provider

In the **History of Education as a Personal Care Provider** section answer the three questions as shown below:



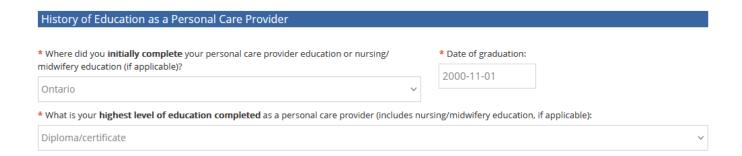
For the question 'Where did you **initially complete** your personal care provider education or nursing/midwifery education (if applicable)', select one of the following options from the drop-down menu and indicate your date of graduation, and highest level of education completed:

\* Where did you initially complete your personal care provider education or nursing/midwifery education (if applicable)?

- 

Not applicable, on the job trained
Ontario
Another Canadian province
United States
International

#### For example:



If you <u>have not</u> completed education **unrelated** to a personal care provider or nurse/midwife, select **No**:

\* Have you completed education **unrelated** to a personal care provider or nurse/midwife?

Yes 
No

If you <u>have</u> completed additional education **unrelated** to a personal care provider or nurse/midwife, select **Yes** and fill in the required information.

### For example:

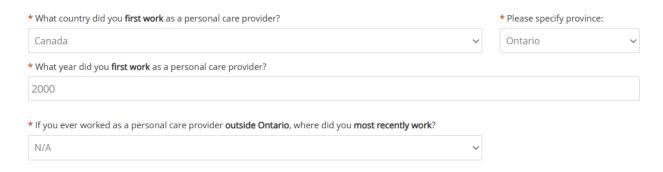


## **Employment Profile**

At your first PSW registrant annual renewal with HSCPOA, you will be asked:

- What country you first worked as a personal care provider,
- What year you first worked as a personal care provider, and
- If you ever worked as a personal care provider outside Ontario, where did you most recently worked.

#### For example:



#### **Preferred Working Status**

At each annual renewal, you will also be asked about your preferred employment status. This information will be used to help the Ministry of Health to estimate the labour supply of HSCPOA registered PSWs in Ontario. Regardless of what your current working status is, please indicate what working status you would **prefer** to have (e.g., full-time, part-time, or casual):



## Working History as a PSW Over the Last Year

Over the past year (12 months from the date of your annual renewal) indicate how many weeks you have worked for **at least one hour as a PSW**. The Ministry of Health will use this information to measure the time spent working as a PSW throughout a typical year.

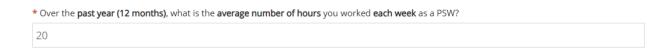
**Note:** There are 52 weeks a year. You may not enter a number larger than 52. Do not include your vacation, on-call, sick and leave time greater than one week.

#### For example:



Over the past year (12 months from the date of your annual renewal) indicate the average number of hours you worked as a PSW each week. Answers must be in whole numbers (no decimals).

#### For example:



Over the past year (12 months from the date of your annual renewal) indicate the average number of on-call hours you worked as a PSW each week. If you do not work on-call, please answer 0.

## For example:

* Over the past year (12 months), what is the average number of on-call hours you worked each week (if you do not work on-call please answer 0).	
0	

#### **Percent of Weekly Practice Hours Spent on Various Activities**

Over the past year (12 months from the date of your annual renewal) indicate the percentage of weekly time spent in each of the categories. If you only provide direct PSW services, the category 'Direct PSW Client Care' will = 100%. The Ministry of Health collects this data as a measure of how much time is spent on each activity, giving them an indication of availability of PSW services from HSCPOA registered PSW.

- **Direct PSW client care** Estimate the **percentage** of your PSW work time each week providing personal care services. If you only provide direct PSW services, this section will be 100%.
- **Teaching** Estimate the **percentage** of your PSW work time each week spent on teaching (e.g., teaching PSW students completing their education, training new employees, etc.). If you do not do any teaching, your answer will be 0.
- Clinical Education Estimate the percentage of your PSW work time each
  week spent supervising students or other care providers. If you do not do
  any clinical education/supervision, your answer will be 0.
- **Research** Estimate the **percentage** of your PSW work time each week spent conducting formal PSW research. If you do not do any research, your answer will be 0.
- Administration Estimate the percentage of your PSW work time each week spent on administration (planning and organizing PSW services). If you do not do any Administration, your answer will be 0.
- Other Activities Estimate the percentage of your PSW work time each week spent on administration. This would include staff meetings, continuing education, or professional development, and recording workload measurement statistics.

#### For example:



## **GOOD STANDING DECLARATIONS**

In this section, HSCPOA PSW registrants are required to report any offences, charges, bail conditions, or findings of misconduct that have been made against them.

Carefully read each judicial declaration question and select Yes or No. If you select Yes, a text box will appear for you to provide an explanation.

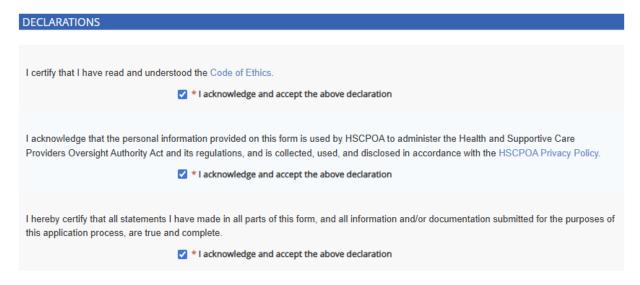
HSCPOA PSW registrants should not "self-select" which offences they believe are relevant or worthy of a report. HSCPOA will identify which offences require further inquiry. If the finding raises no apparent concerns, HSCPOA will simply file the information. If the finding raises concerns about your suitability to work safely as a PSW in Ontario, HSCPOA may investigate the matter to determine if some regulatory action, such as remediation or discipline, should be taken.

GOOD STANDING DECLARATIONS	
Have you ever been charged with or found guilty of a criminal offence?	<b>*</b> ○ Yes ○ No
If yes, please provide the following information: date of criminal charge or finding of guilt, nature of and description of the charge or finding of guilt, name and location of the court where the charge was laid or where you were found guilty of the offence, status of any appeals with regards to the finding of guilt, if applicable, and any court-imposed restrictions or conditions. Please do not include any information that violates a publication ban.	
Have you ever been charged with or found guilty of an offence related to the regulation or provision of health and supportive care services in Ontario or in any other jurisdiction?	* Yes No
If yes, please provide the following information: date of charge or finding of guilt, nature of and description of the charge or finding of guilt, name and location of the court where the charge was laid or where you were found guilty of the offence, status of any appeals with regards to the finding of guilt, if applicable, and any court-imposed restrictions or conditions. Please do not include any information that violates a publication ban.	

<ul> <li>Has there ever been a finding of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity against you:</li> <li>in Ontario in relation to another profession, and/or</li> <li>in any other jurisdiction in relation to the provision of health and supportive care services, or any other profession or occupation?</li> <li>If yes, please provide the following information: date of finding, nature of and description of the finding, and name and location of the organization that made the finding. Please do not include any information that violates a publication ban.</li> </ul>	* Yes No
Is there a current proceeding against you involving an allegation of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity:  • in Ontario in relation to another profession or occupation, or	* Yes No
<ul> <li>in any other jurisdiction in relation to the provision of health and supportive care services or any other profession or occupation?</li> <li>If yes, please provide the following information: date of proceeding, nature of and description of the proceeding, and</li> </ul>	
name and location of the organization that filed the proceeding against you. Please do not include any information that violates a publication ban.	
Have you ever been denied registration, licensure or similar status by:  • a regulatory body in Ontario that is responsible for the regulation of another profession or occupation, or  • by a regulatory body in another jurisdiction that is responsible for the regulation of the provision of health and supportive care services or another profession or occupation?	* Yes No
If yes, please provide the following information: date and reason for the registration denial or similar status, and name and location of the relevant organization. Please do not include any information that violates a publication ban.	
Have you ever been the subject of a revocation or suspension of registration, licensure or similar status:  • in Ontario in relation to another profession or occupation, or  • in any other jurisdiction in relation to the regulation of the provision of health and supportive care services or another profession or occupation.	* Yes No
If yes, please provide the following information: date and reason for the registration suspension or revocation or similar status, and name and location of the relevant organization. Please do not include any information that violates a publication ban.	
Do you currently suffer from any physical or mental condition or disorder that could affect your ability to provide health and supportive care services in a safe manner?	* Yes No
Is there any event, circumstance, condition or matter not disclosed above with respect to your character, conduct, competence or capacity that might affect your ability to provide health and supportive care services safely, with decency, integrity and honesty, and in accordance with the law?	* Yes No

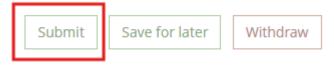
## **DECLARATIONS**

Confirm that you have read and understood <u>HSCPOA's Code of Ethics</u>, the <u>Privacy Policy</u> and that you confirm all information submitted in your profile update and annual renewal are true and correct:

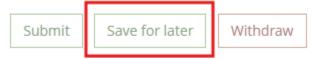


WARNING: Please make sure that all information entered is accurate before your final submission.

Once you have completed your annual renewal, click Submit.



If you wish to save and return later select **Save for later**:



You can then return later to complete your Renewal. Select **Update** as indicated below to complete your Renewal.



Once your annual renewal is complete, you will see the following displayed on you HSCPOA Registrant dashboard. The invoice will be zero as no fee is charged to renew your PSW registration with HSCPOA.

