

Policy Statement on using content from ANZASW publications.

Overview

All ANZASW publications have been produced by ANZASW through its own effort (most of which is voluntary) and at its own cost and over a great deal of time. Each publication is the culmination of substantial intellectual effort and thought resulting from wide consultation and discussion. This has been carried out in a manner that is consistent with the principles and standards that each publication espouses.

Further, many ANZASW publications are key instruments to how the Association conducts its business – deciding membership, conducting competency assessments, investigating complaints etc. They are used and applied in accordance with the Association's objects and policies and, in that sense, cannot stand alone, or be used without reference one to the other. They are not only the Association's property embodying the Association's values and standards etc, but are critical to how the Association conducts its business and its members behave. The only context in which they may be exercised, applied and used is within the Association's infrastructure in respect of its membership as only the Association can hold its members accountable for the standards and competencies that have been set. They have been set by the Association for the Association.

With this in mind, and in line with provisions of the Copyright Act that preserve the Association's rights, the Association asserts the following policy:

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No part of any of the Association's authored publications may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, electrostatic, magnetic tape, mechanical photocopying, recording or otherwise without permission in writing from the publishers.

Where permission is given, this will be conditional upon the reproduction etc being fully acknowledged and referenced in a way that ensures that the Association's authorship is clearly and unequivocally attributed.

Given the particular circumstances outlined above the Association also asserts its intellectual ownership of the competency assessment processes that it has published. This means that no agency or institution can claim to apply any of these processes in respect of any of the Association's standards and, at the same time, claim that, to whomever these processes and standards are being applied, meets the Association's standards, as if the Association had undertaken the assessment itself. The fact is that the application of Association standards and processes can only be conducted by members of the Association in respect of other members of the Association.

Finally the Association will challenge the propriety and right of any agency or institution to claim that anyone meets the Association's published standards unless that person is a member of ANZASW. Only the Association is able to assert that position ñ in the name of ANZASW and in the complete context of ANZASW membership and all that means.

Notwithstanding the above assertions, the Association is very mindful that as the only professional association for social workers in Aotearoa New Zealand its primary accountability is to its public, in particular the clients of social work practitioners and users of social work services, its members, prospective members and students. To this end the Association is keen for its publications to be accessible and available as they provide a full account of the values, standards and ethics expected of members and to which members are accountable. Hard copies of all publications are available at cost and the Association will soon review the availability of publications on its website.