



**International Social Work: Concept,
Standard and Regulatory Bodies**

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4.1 OBJECTIVES

After reading this unit you should be able to:

- Identify the regulatory bodies working at the global level;
- Explain the purpose and function of these organizations; and
- Discuss their importance in social work profession.

4.2 INTRODUCTION

Social work is a profession and a professional degree of social work is offered by different educational institutions across the globe. As a profession, standardized practice has to be developed, followed and maintained by the practitioners and social work educators for the professional practice and curriculum in universities, colleges and institutions respectively. For the better growth and development of the profession it is necessary that it should be regulated and reviewed from time to time by certain bodies. At the international and national level, different bodies have been formed which are suitably associated with our professional and educational concern. For this, many global regulatory bodies have been established viz. International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), International Association of Schools of Social Work in India (IASSW), Asia-Pacific Association for Social Work Education (APASWE) and International Council of Social Welfare (ICSW). The function of associations and councils are to regulate social work profession and its education. Within their countries there are national level bodies like British Association of Social Workers (BASW), Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW), National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) and National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI). These associations are country specific and function within their respective country. However, it was realized that social work educator and

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