

ASSOCIAÇÃO DE PROFISSIONAIS DE SERVIÇO SOCIAL (APSS) SOCIAL WORKERS PORTUGUESE ASSOCIATION

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Born in 1978

About 2.000 members

5 Regional Delegations

- Representation of the profession's interests and citizens interests in the various sectors of public policies (health, social security, education, justice, social sector, local authorities...)
- Professional supervision
- Articulation with schools of Social Work
- Promotion of work groups
- Representation in national and international organizations (IFSW, FRA, EAPN)

Profession recognized by the society

In the last 20 years many other professional areas occupy the field of intervention of social work – the need to regulate professional practice

The struggle for the creation of an Order

Professional Orders are created:

- to defend and safeguard the public interest and fundamental rights of citizens
- To perform self-regulation of professions whose exercise requires technical independence

WHAT IS AN “ORDER”?

- Professional associations are entities of public law and represent professions that, given their public interest, justify the control of their access and exercise, the development of technical standards and specific deontological principles and rules and an autonomous disciplinary regime. (CNOP)
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The exercise of the Profession of Social Worker depends on the registration in the Order.

The Order should only be installed within one year

APSS has created a Deontological Code of Social Workers in Portugal.