



# Coming soon – new Codes of Professional Practice

From **1 July 2026**, social care workers and employers in Wales will need to follow our new Codes of Professional Practice.

## What's changed?

We've updated our Codes of Professional Practice for social care workers and employers, and our practice guidance.

- We've made the codes simpler and easier to understand.
- The standards of practice and behaviour haven't changed.

## Who do the codes apply to?

- If you're registered with us, you **must** follow the Code for workers.
- Everyone working in social care in Wales should follow the Code for workers, even if you don't have to register with us.



## Your role as a social care worker

- **Respect everyone** – treat people with dignity and listen to their choices.
- **Keep people safe** – protect from harm and help manage risks.
- **Be honest** – act responsibly and do what you say you will.
- **Keep learning** – stay up to date with skills and knowledge.
- **Act professionally** – be mindful of your behaviour and maintain trust in your role.
- **Own your actions** – take responsibility and report concerns.

### More information

You can find the Codes of Professional Practice and practice guidance on our website. We also have resources to help you use them.

Visit [socialcare.wales/codes](https://socialcare.wales/codes) or scan the QR code.

