

## SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

## **GENERAL NOTICE 1 of 2020**

**REF**: 3/7/6/1/9 20 March 2020

NOTICE TO ALL REGISTERED SOCIAL WORKERS, SOCIAL AUXILIARY WORKERS, STUDENT SOCIAL WORKERS, SOCIAL AUXILIARY WORK LEARNERS, CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS, AUXILIARY CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS, STUDENT CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS

## **PAYMENT PERIOD EXTENDED TO 30 APRIL 2020**

President Ramaphosa has declared a National State of Disaster in respect of the coronavirus pandemic, COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the restrictions in place include social distancing which is a crucial strategy for reducing the spread. Council shares the concerns with regard to the spread of COVID-19. We take seriously the health and safety of our registrants, employees and the public at large.

It is with this in mind that as from Monday 23 March 2020 until further notice, no payments will be done at Council's office and as a result Council has extended payment of annual fees to 30 April 2020. Kindly note that late or non-payment of annual fees by 30 April 2020 will result in de-registration of your membership and will attract penalties in addition to the annual fees.

**ALWAYS include a reference number** when you make a payment. Please note that NEDBANK account will only accept your registration number as reference number and not ID numbers. This will ensure that your payment is allocated against your name. We request social service practitioners to acquaint themselves with their registration number to avoid being sent back by the bank resulting in an overflow of calls requesting a registration number. Please see guidance provided below.

## 1. Registered practitioners

Persons already registered with the South African Council for Social Service Professions must quote their registration number as a reference when making a payment starting with: 10- (for social work); 50- (for social auxiliary work); 70- (for child and youth care work); 90- (for auxiliary child and youth care work)

2. Persons registering for the first time on the social work register

Persons who apply for the first time register as a social worker with the South African Council for Social Service Professions must use the following reference number when a payment is made: 60 –plus the first 5 numbers of Identity Number (ID). For example, if your ID number is 980505 5482 082, the reference number will be 60 98050.

3. Persons registering for the first time on the child and youth care register Persons who apply for the first time register as a child and youth care worker with the South African Council for Social Service Professions must use the following reference number when a payment is made: 18 – plus the first 5 numbers of Identity Number (ID). For example, if your ID number is 980505 5482 082, the reference number will be 18 98050.

4 Existing students applying for professional registration

Students who are currently studying social work and child and youth care work who already have a registration number (from their second year of study) should use their student registration number as reference when making payment for when the apply to register after completion of their studies as social worker, social auxiliary worker, child and youth care worker or child and youth care worker at auxiliary level

5 Continuing professional development (CPD)

Social service practitioners who are applying for accreditation of CPD programmes with Council must use the following reference number: 13 – The last 5 number of your Registration Number with the SACSSP. For example, if you are social worker (with registration number 10-45231) or child and youth care work (with registration number 70-45231), the reference number will be 13 - 45231

6. For enquiries please contact Finance department using the following email at: fintemp6@sacssp.co.za

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