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Social Work Act, 1978 (Act 110 of 1978)***REGULATIONS RELATING TO ACTS WHICH ESPECIALLY PERTAIN TO THE
PROFESSION OF SOCIAL WORK***

The Minister of National Health and Welfare, has, in terms of the Social Work Act, 1978 (Act 110 of 1978), on recommendation of the South African Council for Social Work, made the Regulations set out in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE**DEFINITIONS**

1. In these regulations "the Act" means the Social Work Act, 1978 (Act 110 of 1978), and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear that meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates -

"case work" means a social work method whereby a variety of skills, techniques and other aids are used to improve the social functioning of a client;

"community" means a collection of people living within a geographical area, engaged in social interaction among themselves and having psychological ties with one another and the place in which they live;

"community work" means the joint, planned action of a geographic or functional community and a social worker to promote the social functioning of the total community;

"group" means a number of individuals with similar problems or needs brought together for group work;

"group process" means the totality of the dynamic interpersonal relations, developments and changes within a group;

"group work" means a social work method whereby a group achieves group objectives within group context by the purposeful application of the group process;

"group work process" means a systematic set of acts aimed at achieving certain objectives, and includes the use of the group process;

"methods of social work" means group work, case work and community work;

"social functioning" means the role performance of an individual in its entirety at all levels of his existence in interaction with other individuals, families, groups, communities and situations in his environment;

"social work" means a professional service performed by a social worker aimed at the better social functioning of people;

"social work methodology" means the application of one or more of the methods of social work to accomplish the aims of social work;

“supervision” means the process whereby the social worker is helped to integrate theory and practice, to heighten self-perception, and to handle and control his feelings with the view of rendering a professional service.

2. The following acts are acts that pertain especially to the profession of social work:

- (1) Acts which a social worker shall perform under an act.
- (2) The assessment, elimination, prevention or treatment of social malfunctioning or problematic functioning in man by applying social work methodology.
- (3) The use of any process in the social work methodology to promote social stability in man.
- (4) The training of social auxiliary workers in the subject of social auxiliary work.
- (5) Supervision of social auxiliary workers.
- (6) Supervision of social workers.
- (7) Research into the theory and practice of social work.