



# **SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS**

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## **STATEMENT OF MEETING Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work**

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### **STATEMENT OF THE 51<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK**

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work held its 51<sup>st</sup> meeting on 13 September 2023. The meeting focused on the core business of the Professional Board. The Chairperson of the Professional Board's opening remarks acknowledged the Professional Boards' work during the one year in office, the resolutions of Council pertaining to auxiliary child and youth care workers who were registered with employment letters and job descriptions in terms of the Regulations, the webinar that took place on 31 August 2023 on the requirements for registration of child and youth care workers. Questions and answers about the registration of auxiliary child and youth care workers will be shared soon with the child and youth care work sector as promised during the webinar.

#### **General issues**

The Chairperson of the Professional Board reported on the following matters which were tabled at the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council

- Council noted the 9,986 child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers that are on the Register, and of these 5,657 are in good standing while 4,329 are due to be removed from the Register (deregistration) in terms of section 20(1)(d) of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 for failure to pay the annual fee for 2023/24 financial year.

The Professional Board noted an update on some of the resolutions of the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting which took place on 7 and 8 June 2023 as follows:

- (a) Position paper on the challenges affecting the child and youth care sector to be prepared and submitted to the Minister of Social Development, which is in progress.
- (b) Progress on implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Child and Youth Care Work Summits resolutions pertaining to the role of the Ministry of Social Development and the Department of Social Development. The meeting noted that a meeting was held with the Acting Director-General on 25 August 2023 and that a meeting of principals (Minister, the President of SACSSP and Chairpersons of the Professional Boards) and a workshop will be held with the Department of Social Development to address other challenges facing Council and the two Professional Boards

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work also noted the Quarter 1 (April to June 2023) performance report as follows:

#### **Registration under the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work**

From 1 July to 28 August 2023, a total of 244 child and youth care workers were registered, 5 portfolios of evidence (POEs) received for registration under professional level, 4 went for moderation and 1 was pending appointment of an assessor and 95 registration certificates were issued.

An update on the progress made regarding the audit in relation to auxiliary child and youth care workers registered in terms of regulation 17(3) of the *Regulations for child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers and student child and youth care workers*. Out of the 2,233 that were initially registered with job description and employment letters as of 31 July 2023 a total of 1,758 auxiliary child and youth care workers are still registered with job descriptions

and employment letters as contemplated in the aforementioned regulation and are as such affected by the provisions in regulation 17(4). These affected auxiliary child and youth care workers have received notices from the Secretariat, however there is a low response rate. Out of the 1,758, 20 have submitted their qualifications and will be updated on the register; 15 have incomplete qualifications, 5 are no longer practising, two have retired and 15 submitted motivations not to be removed from the Register.

### **Education, training and development**

The Education, Training and Development Committee of the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work is currently reviewing the following documents:

- (a) Guidelines for compiling a portfolio of evidence for child and youth care work
- (b) Guidelines for compiling a portfolio of evidence for auxiliary child and youth care work
- (c) Norms and standards for the NQF level 8 child and youth care work qualification
- (d) Norms and standards for the NQF level 5 child and youth care work qualification
- (e) NQF level 8 quality assurance site visiting tool
- (f) NQF level 5 quality assurance site visit tool

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### **ABOUT THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SERVICE PROFESSIONS**

The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) is an autonomous statutory body established in terms of section 2 of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 ("the Act"). The SACSSP discharges its mandate, subject to the provisions of the Act together with the Regulations and Rules thereto, as the determining, guiding and directing authority body for the social service professions of social work and child and youth care work in the country. The SACSSP fulfils this role through Council constituted in terms of section 5 of the Act and the Professional Board for Social Work and the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work established in terms of section 14A of the Act and constituted in terms of the applicable Regulations, by setting the standards for education and training of social service professionals (qualifications and continuous professional development); registration of social service professionals as a requirement to practice; setting standards for and exercise effective control over the professional conduct (including ethics) of social service professionals as well as by taking policy resolutions as guidelines for the practising of the social service professions under its auspices. Thus, protecting the integrity of the social service professions as well as the interest of the public at large. It is a legal requirement in terms of the Act for a social worker, social auxiliary worker, student social worker, student social auxiliary worker, child and youth care worker, auxiliary child and youth care worker, student child and youth care worker and student auxiliary child and youth care worker to be registered and in good standing in terms of his or her registration as condition to practise.