



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

STATEMENT OF MEETING Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work

4 April 2023

STATEMENT OF THE 49TH MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work held its 49th meeting on 1 and 8 March 2023 (virtual). The meeting focused on the core business of the Professional Board. The Chairperson of the Professional Board's opening remarks highlighted the challenge of the "dry season" which relates to funding not yet dispensed by government which causes financial challenges.

The Professional Board received 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*. A total of 2,139 auxiliary child and youth care workers are 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 will receive notices from the Secretariat.

The Professional Board was apprised on the progress in terms of the priorities agreed to for the first 100 days (in office) of the 4th Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work. The Professional Board noted with appreciation that a letter of endorsement to commence with the development of a degree level qualifications in Child and Youth Care Work was received from the University of Johannesburg on 24 October 2022, while a request for a follow-up engagement with the University of Western Cape was made and planned for 6 March 2023.

The Professional Board's Education Training and Development Committee provided an update on the phasing out of the NQF Level 4 qualification in Child and Youth Care Work by 2027 and that the final intake of students for this qualification will be 2025.

The Professional Board concluded its meeting by thanking all Members and the Secretariat for their participation.

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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 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.