



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

STATEMENT OF MEETING Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work

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STATEMENT OF THE 52nd MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work (PBCYCW) held its 52nd meeting on 3 November 2023. The meeting focused on the core business of the Professional Board.

Registration under the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work

The PBCYCW noted that from July to September 2023 five child and youth care workers, 120 auxiliary child and youth care workers, 240 student child and youth care workers, and 94 student auxiliary child and youth care workers (total of 459).

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* as to ascertain the impact of the regulation 17(4). Out of the 2,233 auxiliary child and youth care workers that were initially registered with job description and employment letters as of 25 October 2023, a total of 1,758 persons 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 of intention to remove their names from the register. Out of the 1,758, 1702 did not respond, eight have obtained qualifications, 27 are still studying and they will be registered as student auxiliary child and youth care workers; two have qualifications that are not prescribed (not approved by the Professional Board) and 19 submitted motivations for their names not to be removed from the Register. All 1,702 who did not submit their qualifications will be removed from the Register (deregistered) in terms of section 20(1)(h) of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978.

The Professional Board welcomed a report on the registration outreach that took place at the following institutions; Durban University of Technology, Abraham Kriel Child and Youth Care Centre, Free State Department of Social Development, Malvern Child and Youth Care Centre, Rophe Counselling Services, Eastern Cape Department of Social Development, National Association of Child and Youth Care Workers (Sinethemba Drop-in Centre) and Jacaranda & Louis Botha Children's Home; and a total number of 149 registrants were reached and supported with regards to their registration.

Education, training and development

The Professional Board noted the report from the Professional Board's Education, Training and Development Committee:

- (a) The Committee participated in the review and development of the current Child and Youth Care Work NQF Level 5 qualification facilitated by the HWSETA.
- (b) Four applications to provide continuing professional development (CPD) activities for child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers were received, assessed and approved during the reporting period.
- (c) Five Portfolios of evidences (POEs) were assessed for the purpose of recognition of prior learning (RPL) to be registered as auxiliary child and youth care workers in terms of regulation 17(2) of which three were found competent to be registered as an auxiliary child and youth care worker in terms of the Regulations.
- (d) Ongoing engagements with the University of Johannesburg (UJ) and the University of South Africa (UNISA) on offering an NQF Level 8 Bachelor of Child and Youth Care Work.

The PBCYCW concluded its 52nd meeting by thanking all Members and Secretariat for their contribution during the meeting.

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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.