

## BOARD NOTICE 921 OF 2026



## South African Council for Social Service Professions

## Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978

## NOTICE IN TERMS OF CONSTITUTION OF THE PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

1. The *Professional Board for Community Development Practice* had been established in terms of section 14A(1) of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 by Government Notice No. R. 4783 of 03 May 2024 published in the Government Gazette No. 50609.
2. The constitution of the *Professional Board for Community Development Practice* had been placed on hold by the SACSSP during its 71<sup>st</sup> meeting by resolution 1/71/2024 which established Council's position with regards to the constitution of this Professional Board. The SACSSP's position is as follows:
  - 2.1 The SACSSP confirms that its recommendation for the establishment of a *Professional Board for Community Development Practice* in terms of section 14A(1) of the Act is still standing as per resolution 4/56/2019, subject to the condition contained in this resolution that the Professional Board should be able to sustain itself financially.
  - 2.2 The SACSSP will not constitute the *Professional Board for Community Development Practice* until such time that it is confirmed and guaranteed that this Professional Board is financially viable and able to sustain itself in terms of the execution of the powers and functions for the regulation of the community development practice profession from the start and continuously thereafter, notwithstanding the publication of *Regulations relating to the Establishment of the Professional Board for Community Development Practice* by Government Notice No. R. 4783 in the Government Gazette No. 50609 of 03 May 2024.
  - 2.3 The SACSSP will continue to work in an advisory capacity with the Department of Social Development and the community development sector with regards to paragraph 2.2; with due regard that the responsibility to provide such evidence needed to satisfy the SACSSP that the Professional Board is financially viable and able to sustain itself, rests with the association of persons (or similar) representing the community development sector and/or the Department of Social Development, inclusive of any costs in this regard, and not with the SACSSP.
3. The SACSSP's financial resources for the regulation of the social work profession and child and youth care work profession with regards to registration; education, training and development; and professional conduct are derived solely from the registration and annual fees payable by social workers, social auxiliary workers, child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers; and it has no surplus funding for any other purpose. The income generated through the fees payable by the aforementioned professions is fully utilised to execute the regulatory responsibilities of the SACSSP, *Professional Board for Social Work* and *Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work*.

4. The SACSSP will only be in the position to constitute the *Professional Board for Community Development Practice* when there is such confirmation supported by evidence that there are sufficient numbers of community development practitioners at a professional level and auxiliary level falling within the wider definition of the social service professions, that will be able to generate sufficient financial income for the Professional Board for Community Development Practice to execute its regulatory powers and functions with regards to the registration of practitioners; education, training and development in community development practice, inclusive of the approval of prescribed qualifications; and the professional conduct of practitioners, amongst others.
5. The *Professional Board for Community Development Practice* will be constituted as soon as all the issues as set out in this Board Notice had been adequately addressed.
6. Please direct all enquiries to Ms A.C. Williams at: [Communitydevelopment@sacssp.co.za](mailto:Communitydevelopment@sacssp.co.za) or at 012- 356 8300.



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