



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

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NOTICE TO:

1. All registered social workers,
2. Training institutions providing qualifications in social work
3. Employers of social workers.

REGISTRATION OF SPECIALITY IN FORENSIC SOCIAL WORK AND CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK

1. This General Notice serves to clarify the questions raised by the sector pertaining to the status of the following Regulations:
 - (a) Regulations regarding the registration of a specialisation in forensic social work ([Government Notice No. R.912 published in Government Gazette No 41082 of 1 September 2017](#)).
 - (b) Regulations regarding the registration of a specialisation in clinical social work ([Government Notice No. R.913 published in Government Gazette No 41082 of 1 September 2017](#)).
2. The Regulations in question are valid. The process to amend these Regulations which commenced around 2020 is still underway and the sector will be informed as soon as amended Regulations are place. Until such time the Regulations published in 2017 are used by the SACSSP.
3. Social workers who meet the requirements as prescribed in these Regulations may apply to be registered for a speciality in clinical social work and/or forensic social work.
4. The application must be done using [FORM-R.4.SW.1](#) available on the SACSSP's website and the details pertaining to the application process are indicated on the application form.
5. Social workers are reminded that the titles associated with these specialities (and other specialities under the SACSSP) are protected as contemplated in section 17C(5) of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 and that no person may practise as a specialist or pretend to be such a specialist, or shall in any other manner profess to be a person in respect of whom a speciality has been registered, unless such person has been registered for the specific speciality and it has been entered against his or her name into the Register for Social Workers the terms of section 17C(2A)(c) of the Act.

ISSUED BY: ACTING REGISTRAR, Mr Hitler Sekhitla