



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

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NOTICE TO:

1. All child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers, student child and youth care workers and student auxiliary child and youth care workers.
2. Training institutions providing qualifications in child and youth care work and auxiliary child and youth care work

REQUIREMENTS: OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE: CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKER: SAQA ID: 99510 (NQF LEVEL 5)

1. The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work would like to inform child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers on the availability of *Occupational Certificate: Child and Youth Care Worker* (NQF Level 5) and the requirements for those eligible to facilitate the learning programmes and materials towards this qualification.
2. The following definitions apply to the terms used in this General Notice:
'learning programme' means a structured and purposeful set of learning experiences that lead to a qualification or part-qualification¹;
'prescribed qualification' means the qualification that meets the minimum educational requirements that is needed to be registered with the SACSSP in terms of the Act as prescribed in regulations 16(1) and 17(1) of the *Regulations for child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers and student child and youth care workers*; and
'training institution' refers to a university, college or other institution where a qualification can be obtained which complies with the requirements of prescribed qualifications as per section 1 of the Act.
3. The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work is required in terms of section 14B(c)(i) of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 ('the Act') to control and to exercise authority in respect of all matters affecting the training of child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers.
4. **Requirements**
 - 4.1 Training institutions providing the above qualification need to ensure compliance to requirements indicated below prior to enrolling students.
 - 4.2 The learning programme towards the *Occupational Certificate: Child and Youth Care Worker* (NQF Level 5) qualification had been reviewed and recognised by the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work to meet the requirements of a prescribed qualification.
 - 4.3 Any person employed or contracted by a training institution to give instruction on any aspect of the subject of Child and Youth Care Work (auxiliary level):

¹ South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). 2017. *NQFpedia: Standard Glossary of Terms: Terms related to the South African National Qualifications Framework (Version 3)*. Pretoria: SAQA.

- (a) must be registered with the SACSSP as to meet the requirement as contemplated in section 15(1)(b) of the Act;
- (b) must have a prescribed qualification in Child and Youth Care Work at NQF Level 6 and above e.g., *National Diploma in Child and Youth Care Work* or *Degree in Child and Youth Care Work*, as a minimum requirement;
- (c) must have a minimum of three years of continuous experience in child and youth care work (please note that practical learning as a student is not considered in counting years of experience).

4.4 The criteria indicated in paragraph 4.3 applies also to persons designated or appointed to oversee the practical training of students, that is part of the requirement for the acquisition of a prescribed qualification at a training institution as contemplated in section 15(2) of the Act.

5. Important

5.1 Any person who intends to enroll for or is enrolled for the *Occupational Certificate: Child and Youth Care Worker* (NQF Level 5) has the right to enquire and request proof:

- (a) that the learning programme is recognised by the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work to meet the requirements of a prescribed qualification;
- (b) that the persons giving instructions on any aspect of the subject of Child and Youth Care Work (auxiliary level) are registered with the SACSSP and meets the minimum criteria as indicated in paragraphs 4.3(b) and (c) above; and
- (c) that the persons responsible for the practical components that part of the requirement for the acquisition of the qualification meet the requirements as per paragraph 4.3 above.

5.2 Training institutions and prospective students are reminded that students studying Child and Youth Care Work (auxiliary level) are required in terms of section 18B of the Act and regulations 3 and 4 of the *Regulations for child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers and student child and youth care workers* to be registered as student auxiliary child and youth care workers with the SACSSP from the first year of study. The procedures and required forms to be completed are available on the SACSSP's website at www.sacssp.co.za.

6. Please direct any enquiries to the following email address: CYCWETD@sacssp.co.za.

ISSUED BY: REGISTRAR, Mr Hitler Sekhitla