



# SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

## GENERAL NOTICE 5 of 2026

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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.

### REGISTRATION OF CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS AND AUXILIARY CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS THROUGH RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) ACCREDITED QUALIFICATION

The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) hereby issues the following notice:

#### 1. Council Resolution

At the 74<sup>th</sup> Council meeting held on 3 October 2025; Council resolved that:

- (a) For registration through *Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)* against the prescribed qualification as provided in Regulation 17(1)(b) of the [Regulations for child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers and student child and youth care workers \(Government Notice No. R.838 published in Government Gazette No. 38135 of 31 October 2019\)](#), the portfolio of evidence must include an assessment proving that an applicant meets the outcomes reflected in the *Occupational Certificate in Child and Youth Care Work* equivalent to *NQF Level 4 or Level 5*.
- 1.1. Any person who has already applied but was not registered at the time of the resolution is affected and must include such an assessment in their application.
- 1.2. The requirement does not apply to individuals who registered before the resolution was taken.

#### 2. Prescribed Qualifications

The qualifications that allow for registration in terms of section 18A(1) of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 as a child and youth care worker or auxiliary child and youth care worker are prescribed in the *Regulations for child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers and student child and youth care workers* ("the Regulations).

#### 3. Registration as a child and youth care worker

- (a) Regulation 16(1): prescribes the qualification required.
- (b) Regulation 16(2): allows for up to 50% of the qualification to be obtained through (RPL).
- (c) Applications without the full prescribed qualification may request that part of the qualification be obtained through RPL provided that no more than 50% is obtained in this manner.

4. **Registration as an auxiliary child and youth care worker**

- (a) Regulation 17(1): prescribes the qualification.
- (b) Regulation 17(2): allows for such qualification to be obtained partially or in full through RPL.
- (c) Applications without the full prescribed qualification may request that the qualification be obtained in part or in full through RPL.

5. **RPL Process**

Applicants should contact a Skills Development Provider (SDP) accredited to offer the Occupational Certificate in Child and Youth Care Work to assist with RPL processes. Information on accredited SDPs closest to you is available on the QCTO website on [www.qcto.org.za](http://www.qcto.org.za)

6. **Submission of PRL Outcomes to the SACSSP**

Upon completion of the RPL process with an accredited Skills Development Provider, applicants must submit the assessment outcomes proving that they meet the required competencies for their application to be considered by the SACSSP for registration as an auxiliary child and youth care worker.

7. For further enquiries, please contact: Ms Khuthala Nkebe at [Khuthala@sacssp.co.za](mailto:Khuthala@sacssp.co.za)

**ISSUED BY:** REGISTRAR, Mr Hitler Sekhitla