



# SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

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## STATEMENT OF MEETING Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work

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### STATEMENT OF THE 53<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work held its 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting on 23 May 2024. The meeting focused on the core business of the Professional Board.

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work appreciated that the SACSSP under the lead of the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work held a successful seminar on 08 May 2024 to celebrate child and youth care workers under the theme “Breaking new grounds in relational child and youth care work” during International Child and Youth Care Week’s 2024.

#### Registration under the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work noted that a total of 23 child and youth care workers, 350 auxiliary child and youth care workers, 194 student child and youth care workers, and 112 student auxiliary child and youth care workers were registered between January to March 2024.

The Professional Board received an update on the progress made regarding the audit in relation to auxiliary child and youth care workers registered with job descriptions and employment letters 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*. A total of 1,702 persons were found to have been registered in terms of regulation 17(3) and are as such affected by the provisions in regulation 17(4). So far 1,408 affected auxiliary child and youth care workers have received notices of intention to remove their names from the Register. By end of May 2024 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 P welcomed a report on the 2024 registration outreach that took place at the respective higher education institutions and government departments in all nine provinces which reached a total number of 1,077 of child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers.

#### Education, training and development

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

The Committee participated in the:

- (a) Review of the *Guidelines for Bachelor of Child and Youth Care Quality Assurance site visit*.
- (b) Development of *Quality Assurance Policy for Child and Youth Care Work*.
- (c) Development of the *NQF Level 8 Child and Youth Care Work quality assurance tool*.
- (d) Development of the *Norms and standards for NQF Level 8 for child and youth care work qualification*.
- (e) Review of the *Child and Youth Care Work Portfolio of Evidence Guideline Professional Level*.
- (f) Review of the *Auxiliary Child and Youth Care Work Portfolio of Evidence Guideline*.

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work was informed that three Portfolios of Evidence (POEs) were received from persons who applied to register as auxiliary child and youth care workers in terms of section 18A of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978, and these PoE’s are used for the recognition of prior learning (RPL) in the

registration as per regulation 17(2) of the Regulations. Unfortunately, it was found that none of the three applicants met the minimum requirements to be registered as auxiliary child and youth care workers.

Four continuing professional development (CPD) applications for child and youth care work were assessed and approved.

The Professional Board concluded its 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting by thanking the Secretariat for their continued support to the Professional Board.

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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.