



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

STATEMENT OF MEETING Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work

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STATEMENT OF THE 55TH MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work held its 55th meeting on 25 March 2025. The meeting focused on the core business of the Professional Board.

Registration

The Professional Board noted that a total of 24 child and youth care workers, 168 auxiliary child and youth care workers, five student child and youth care workers and 141 student auxiliary child and youth care workers were registered during Quarter 3 of the 2024/25 financial year (October to December 2024). Furthermore, that a total 58 auxiliary child and youth care workers' names were restored in terms of section 20(3) of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978.

The Professional Board deliberated on the challenges and gaps in the current *Regulations for child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers and student child and youth care workers* regarding the registration of child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care worker, and decided to look into proposed amendments of the Regulations to address these challenges. More information in this regard will be shared as the process move forward.

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work engaged on the requirement that any auxiliary child and youth care worker who had been registered based on a job-description and letter of employment in terms of regulation 17(3) of the Regulation need to obtain the required prescribed qualification within four years from the date of registration as prescribed in regulation 17(4), otherwise his or her registration will lapse. It was noted that notices of deregistration were sent to the affected child auxiliary child and youth care workers and those who did not meet the requirement were deregistered. The Professional Board emphasised that this requirement in terms of regulation 17(4) will continue to apply for auxiliary child and youth care workers registered in terms of regulation 17(3) if they have not obtained the prescribed qualification within four years from the date of registration.

Education, training and development

The Professional Board received the quality assurance report for the Durban University of Technology's Bachelor of Child and Youth Care degree, whereafter the degree was approved as a qualification that meets the prescribed requirements to be registered as a child and youth care worker in terms of section 18A of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978.

The Professional Board noted that two continuing professional development (CPD) applications received during the period under review were assessed and both were approved.

The Professional Board welcomed the report on the capacity development on Code of Ethics where 44 child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers were reached.

The Professional Board concluded its 55th meeting by thanking Members and Secretariat for their participation throughout the meeting. The next meeting will be held in June 2025.

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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.