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Social Service Professions Act 1101 1978**RULES RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A
SOCIAL AUXILIARY WORKER**

In terms of section 18(2) of the Social Service Professions Act, 1978 (Act 110 of 1978) as amended, the South African Council for Social Service Professions hereby makes the rules set out in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE**Definitions**

1. In these Rules "the Act" means the Social Service Professions Act, 1978 (Act 110 of 1978), and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates -

"*chairperson of the board*" means the chairperson appointed by the Minister in terms of regulation 4 of the regulations regarding the functioning of professional boards.

"*National Qualifications Framework (NQF)*" means a comprehensive system approved by the Minister of Education for the classification, registration, publication and articulation of quality- assured national qualifications.

"*prescribed*" means with regard to fees as prescribed by regulation 28 in terms of the Social Service Professions Act, 1978, as amended.

"*president*" means the president of the South African Council for Social Service Professions.

"*provider*" means for the purposes of these regulations, a recognized and accredited body that delivers learning programmes focused on the achievement of specified NQF registered qualifications and standards on the South African Qualifications Authority's (SAQA) database and manages the assessment of learning achievements or prior to the existence of SAQA a body recognized by the council for this purpose.

"*qualification*" means a qualification registered by the South African Qualifications Authority, or prior to its existence recognized by the SACSSP.

"*recognition of prior learning (RPL)*" means an act by a provider comprising the comparison with the previous learning and experience of a learner howsoever obtained against the learning outcomes acquired for a specified qualification and the acceptance for purposes of qualification of that which meets the requirements.

"*social auxiliary work*" means an act or activity practiced by a social auxiliary worker under the guidance and control of a social worker and as a supporting service to a social worker to achieve the aims of social work.

"*social auxiliary worker*" means a person practicing social auxiliary work and registered under section 18 of the Act.

"*student social auxiliary worker*" means a person who is registered with the SACSSP on condition that he or she completes the necessary qualification in order to meet the requirements for registration.

Qualifications for registration

2.(1) The following qualifications are prescribed for the purposes of section 18(1) of the Act:

- (a) A Further Education and Training (FET) Certificate in Social Auxiliary Work equivalent to an NQF Level 4 qualification registered with the South African Qualifications Authority; or
- (b) A Certificate in Social Auxiliary Work which the Council awarded to a person who successfully completed the study course in Social Auxiliary Work offered by the SACSSP and in respect of which the holder of the qualification was enrolled for such qualification before 30 June 2006 or received written approval by the Council for enrolment at a later date as determined by the Council; or
- (c) A qualification obtained after completion of a learning programme at a provider which the Council regards as equal to or higher than the qualification referred to in sub-rule (a); or
- (d) Theoretical and/or experiential learning approved by the Council equivalent to the qualification referred to in sub-rule (a): Provided that the applicant submits a portfolio of evidence, which may include an assessment, proving that the candidate meets the outcomes reflected in the FET Certificate in Social Auxiliary Work referred to in sub rule (a); or
- (e) Proof from a provider that the candidate successfully completed both the theoretical and practical learning of two year courses in the subject Social Work, with a recognized provider.

(2) The qualifications referred to in sub-rule (1) may be obtained partially or as a whole through RPL.

(3) The SACSSP may, on the completion of a short course recognized by the SACSSP for this purpose, register a social auxiliary worker in a particular field of practice and specify the conditions for such practice.

Repeal of rules

3. The Rules made under the Social Work Act, 1978, published as Board Notice 135 in Government Gazette 13620 of 15 November 1991, as amended by Board Notices 66 in Government Gazette 14900 of 2 July 1993, 72 in Government Gazette 14967 of 16 July 1993, 4 in Government Gazette 15420 of 14 January 1994, 29 in Government Gazette 16495 of 30 June 1995 and 54 in Government Gazette 21396 of 28 July 2000 are hereby repealed.

Commencement

4. These rules shall come into operation on the date of the publication thereof.

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