



# SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

## GENERAL NOTICE 7 of 2024

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### NOTICE TO:

1. All registered social workers, social auxiliary workers, child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers,
2. Training institutions providing qualifications in social work, social auxiliary work, child and youth care work and auxiliary child and youth care work
3. and youth care work
4. Employers of social service professionals
5. Stakeholders in the social service sector
6. Statutory bodies and other Professional Councils

### APPOINTMENT OF MR SELEKA HITLER SEKHITLA AS REGISTRAR OF THE SACSSP

1. The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) appointed its 5<sup>th</sup> Registrar in terms of section 11(1) of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 ("the Act") for a period of five years from the date of assumption of duty, following the approval by the Minister of Social Development in terms of section 11(3) of the Act on 15 April 2024.
2. Council, the Professional Board for Social Work, Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work and the SACSSP Secretariat wish to congratulate **Mr Seleka Hitler Sekhitla** for his appointment as the 5<sup>th</sup> Registrar of the South African Council for Social Service Professions. We are confident that the work of the SACSSP will continue to excel under his apt leadership. Mr Sekhitla will assume his duties as Registrar of the SACSSP officially on **01 May 2024**.
3. Mr Hitler Sekhitla
  - (a) is registered with the SACSSP as a social worker (registration number 10-23088);
  - (b) has more than 19 years' experience as a social worker and manager which include working for the Suid-Afrikaanse Vroue-Federasie (SAVF); Gauteng Department of Social Development, NEHAWU as a National Organiser for Social Development Sector and the SACSSP.
  - (c) holds a *Bachelor of Social Work* from the University of Pretoria, an *Advanced Certificate in Labour Law* and *Certificate in Human Resource Management and Financial* from UNISA, and has obtained his *LLB* from UNISA in June 2023.
  - (d) he served as a Board Member at the HWSETA between 2010-2017. he also served on the Ministerial Committee on the review of the White Paper for Social Welfare.
  - (e) was appointed in terms of section 5(1)(c)(iv) of the Act to serve on the 4<sup>th</sup> Council from 20 June 2016, whereafter he had to resign as a Member of Council to assume the duty of Professional Conduct Manager from 01 November 2017 in the SACSSP's Secretariat, a position he was occupying prior to his appointment as Registrar.

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4. The SACSSP calls on all social service professionals and stakeholders to join us in congratulating *Mr Seleka Hitler Sekhitla* on his appointment as Registrar and to support him in the execution of his duties.

**ISSUED BY:** PRESIDENT OF THE SACSSP, Professor Paul Mbedzi

**ENQUIRIES:**

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**ABOUT THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS**

The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) is a statutory body established in terms of section 2 of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978. The SACSSP has two Professional Boards under its auspices i.e., the Professional Board for Social Work and the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work. The SACSSP, in conjunction with its two Professional Boards, guides and regulates the professions of *social work* and *child youth care work* in aspects pertaining to registration, education and training, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring continuing professional development and fostering compliance with professional standards. The SACSSP is protecting the integrity of the social service professions as well as the interest of the public at large. To safeguard the public and indirectly the professions, registration in terms of the Act with the SACSSP is a prerequisite for practising social work and child and youth care work. This includes social workers, social auxiliary workers, student social workers, student social auxiliary workers, 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.