

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

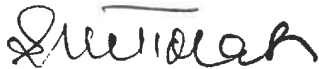
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## SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS ACT, 1978 (ACT 110 OF 1978)

**REGULATIONS REGARDING FEES PAYABLE BY SOCIAL WORKERS, CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS, SOCIAL AUXILIARY WORKERS, AUXILIARY CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS, STUDENT SOCIAL WORKERS, STUDENT SOCIAL AUXILIARY WORKERS, STUDENT CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS AND STUDENT AUXILIARY CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS**

I, Nokuzola Gladys Tolashe, Minister of Social Development, has in terms of section 28(1)(a) of the Social Service Professions Act, 1978 (Act 110 of 1978), and on the recommendation of the South African Council for Social Service Professions, made the regulations set out in the schedule hereto.



MS NG TOLASHE, MP  
MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 10.12.2025

## SCHEDULE

[ ] Words in **bold type in square brackets** indicate omissions from existing enactments.

— Words underlined indicate insertions in existing enactments.

## DEFINITIONS

1. In these regulations

*'financial year'* means a year starting from 01 April ending 31 March of the following year;

*'reference number'* means a unique identifier assigned to any financial transaction that will enable Council to identify the person making a "payment and allocate such payment against that person's name;

*'the Act'* shall mean the Social Service Professions Act, 1978 (Act No 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; and

*'the Regulations'* means regulations made in terms of section 28(1)(a) of the Act.

### 1. Amendment of regulation 2 of the Regulations

(1) Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of regulation 2 is hereby amended by the insertion and deletion of the following amounts and/or words:

2. (a) The following fees shall be paid to the Council by social workers and child and youth care workers:

Classification category and service	Professional Fees	
	Current	Amended fees
(i) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution in the Republic of South Africa.	<b>[R262.00]</b>	<u>R280.00</u>
(ii) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution outside the Republic in a SADC country.	<b>[R1,934.00]</b>	<u>R2,080.00</u>
(iii) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution outside the Republic in countries other than those mentioned in paragraph (a)(ii).	<b>[R3,804.00]</b>	<u>R4,090.00</u>
(iv) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	<b>[R803.00]</b>	<u>R860.00</u>
(v) Annual fee, subject to regulation 3.	<b>[R500.00]</b>	<u>R540.00</u>

Classification category and service	Professional Fees	
	Current	Amended fees
(vi) Fee ( <i>registration and annual fee</i> ) for the restoration of the name of a person whose name has been removed from the Register in terms of section 20(3) of the Act.	[R762.00]	<u>R820.00</u>
(vii) Examination fee for the purpose of an examination of a person who obtain a qualification outside the Republic in terms of section 17D(3).	[R1,340.00]	<u>R1,440.00</u>
(viii) Examination fee for the purpose of an examination of a person who obtain a qualification within the Republic in terms of section 18A(5).	[R1,340.00]	<u>R1,440.00</u>

- (b) The following fees shall be paid to the Council for registering a speciality in terms of section 17C of the Act:

Classification category and service	Professional Fees	
	Current	Amended fees
(i) Assessment fee.	[R900.00]	<u>R970.00</u>
(ii) Registration fee.	[R233.00]	<u>R250.00</u>
(iii) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration of a speciality has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	[R803.00]	<u>R860.00</u>
(iv) Annual fee, subject to regulation 3.	[R500.00]	<u>R540.00</u>
(v) Fee ( <i>registration and annual fee</i> ) for the restoration of the name of a person whose name has been removed from the Register in terms of section 20(3) of the Act.	[R762.00]	<u>R820.00</u>
(vi) Examination fee for a speciality in terms of section 17C(2A)(b) of the Act.	[R1,340.00]	<u>R1,440.00</u>
(vii) Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (b)(i), (ii), (iii) and (v) for the re-assessment of an application that needs to be re-submitted due to insufficient Information	[R214.00]	<u>R230.00</u>

- (c) The following fees shall be paid to the Council by student social workers and student child and youth care workers:

Classification category and service	Professional Fees	
	Current	Amended fees
(i) Registration fee before 31 March of the first year of study.	[R262.00]	<u>R280.00</u>
(ii) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	[R803.00]	<u>R860.00</u>
(iii) Fee for the restoration of the name of a person whose name has been removed from the Register in terms of section 20(3) of the Act.	[R262.00]	<u>R280.00</u>

Classification category and service	Professional Fees	
	Current	Amended fees
(iv) Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (c), (ii) and (iii) for the re-assessment of an application that needs to be re-submitted due to insufficient Information		<u>R214.00</u>

- (d) The following fees shall be paid to the Council by social auxiliary workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers:

Classification category and service	Professional Fees	
	Current	Amended fees
(i) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution in the Republic of South Africa.	[R262.00]	<u>R280.00</u>
(ii) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution outside the Republic in a SADC country.	[R1310.00]	<u>R1,410.00</u>
(iii) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution outside the Republic in countries other than those mentioned in paragraph (d)(ii).	[R2,495.00]	<u>R2,680.00</u>
(iv) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	[R803.00]	<u>R860.00</u>
(v) Annual fee, subject to regulation 3.	[R250.00]	<u>R270.00</u>
(vi) Fee ( <i>registration and annual fee</i> ) for the restoration of the name of a person whose name has been removed from the Register in terms of section 20(3) of the Act.	[R512.00]	<u>R550.00</u>
(vii) Examination fee for the purpose of an examination of a person who obtain a qualification outside the Republic in terms of section 17D(3).	[R1,340.00]	<u>R1,440.00</u>
(viii) Examination fee for the purpose of an examination of a person who obtain a qualification within the Republic in terms of section 18A(5).	[R1,340.00]	<u>R1,440.00</u>
(ix) Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (d), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi) for the re-assessment of an application that needs to be re-submitted due to insufficient Information.	[R214.00]	<u>R230.00</u>

- (e) The following fees shall be paid to the Council by student social auxiliary workers and student auxiliary child and youth care workers:

Classification category and service	Professional Fees	
	Current	Amended fees
(i) Registration fee before 31 March of the first year of study.	[R262.00]	<u>R280.00</u>
(ii) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	[R803.00]	<u>R860.00</u>

Classification category and service	Professional Fees	
	Current	Amended fees
(iii) Fee for the restoration of the name of a person whose name has been removed from the Register in terms of section 20(3) of the Act.	[R262.00]	<u>R280.00</u>

- (f) The following fees pertaining to continuing professional development (CPD) activities shall be paid to the Council:

Classification category and service	Professional Fees	
	Current	Amended fees
(i) Fees for the approval of a CPD activity offered to practitioners at no cost to the practitioner.	[R150.00]	<u>R160.00</u>
(ii) Fees for the approval of a CPD activity offered to practitioners at a specified registration fee or cost to the practitioner.	[R800.00]	<u>R860.00</u>
(iii) Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (f)(i) and (ii) for the re-assessment of an application that needs to be re-submitted due to insufficient Information.	[R214.00]	<u>R230.00</u>

- (g) The following miscellaneous fees shall be paid to the Council:

Classification category and service	Professional Fees	
	Current	Amended fees
(i) Fee for a duplicate registration certificate.	[R275.00]	<u>R295.00</u>
(ii) Fee for inspection of the register (per occasion).	[R275.00]	<u>R295.00</u>
(iii) Fee for the issue of an extract from the register (per page).	[R562.00]	<u>R605.00</u>
(iv) Fee for certificate of status of good standing.	[R675.00]	<u>R722.00</u>

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**(2) Paragraph (h) and of sub-regulation 2 is hereby amended by the insertion and deletion of the following words:**

- (h) The fees referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) [ (c) ] and (d) [ and (e) ] shall be payable subject to the following:
- (i) annual fees are [subject to the provisions of, sub-regulation (a)(vii), (b)(v) and (d)(vii)] payable on or before 1 January of every year;
  - (ii) in the case of a person who is registered for the first time as a social worker, a social auxiliary worker, child and youth care worker or auxiliary child and youth care worker; or a person registering a speciality in terms of the Act, the registration fee and annual fee [is] are payable in full for the financial year concerned before such person's name is entered in the register;
  - (iii) in the case of a person who applies for re-registration in terms of section 22(4) of the Act, the registration fee and annual fee [is] are payable in full for the financial year concerned before such person's name is entered in the register;

- (iv) in the case of a person who applies for re-registration in terms of section 22(5) of the Act, the registration fee and annual fee **[is] are** payable in full for the financial year concerned before such person's name is entered in the register; **[or]**
- (v) in the case of a person whose name is restored in terms of section 20(3) of the Act to a register referred to in section 19(1) of the Act the restoration fee and annual fee must be paid in full for the financial year concerned before such person's name is re-entered or restored to the register; provided that: In the case of a person who has failed to pay any money in terms of section 20(1)(d) of the Act and such person has proceeded to practice, the annual fee be paid in full for the current financial year, and outstanding financial years he or she practiced, before such person's name can be restored to the register concerned;
- (vi) be payable for the financial year(s) following the publication of these Regulations and shall apply to all persons irrespective of the date of publication; and
- (vii) the fees referred to in these Regulations include Value Added Tax.

## EXEMPTION

### 2. Amendment of regulation 3 of the Regulations

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs **[(a)(vi)] (a)(vii)**, **[(b)(iv)] (b)(v)** and **[(d)(vi)] (d)(vii)** of regulation 2 –

**(1) Paragraph (a) of regulation 3 is hereby amended by the insertion and deletion of the following words:**

- (a) Any person who attains the age of 65 years on 1 **[2]** January and registered with the South African Council for Social Service Professions , shall remain registered and be exempted from the payment of annual fees for the following financial years; unless he or she requests the Registrar in writing if he or she wishes to have his or her name removed from the Register in terms of section 20(1)(b).
- (b) The following persons registered with Council who has applied in writing to Council for exemption from payment of the annual fee, shall be exempted from the payment of such annual fee for the following financial year, subject to the conditions determined in these regulations, and by Council, and that such an application reach Council annually on or before 30 November for the following financial year -
  - (i) a person who does not practice his or her profession because of health reasons; or
  - (ii) a person who has been unemployed for a period of three consecutive months or longer, subject to submitting an affidavit completed at the South African Police Service that he or she is not employed, nor has any form of income with his or her application;

- (iii) a person contemplated in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) shall re-apply annually for the renewal of the exemption status.
- (c) (i) Any person, other than a person mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b), who in the course of a financial year ceases to practise the profession on or before 31 March of that financial year, and who applies in writing to the Council on or before 30 November for partial exemption from payment of the annual fee, shall pay only an amount which is calculated to be fifty (50) percent of the annual fee payable.

**(2) regulation 3(c) is hereby amended by the insertion and deletion of the following words:**

- (ii) Any person who qualifies for an exemption in terms of paragraphs (b) and (c) is not allowed to practice the profession that he or she is registered for and must before re-entering the profession inform Council in writing of such intention, and shall pay within thirty (30) days, the annual fee for the financial year during which he or she **[resume]** resumes practice, after which such exemption shall fall away.
- (iv) Any person who has been exempted from the payment of the annual fee in terms of paragraph (a) and (b) shall qualify for an exemption from paying the fee referred to in paragraph (g)(iv): Provided that such a person submit an application and that there are no other reason(s) prohibiting him or her to be issued with a certificate of status of good standing.

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

### 3. Amendment of regulation 4A of the Regulations

**(1) Sub-regulation (1) of regulating 4A is hereby amended by the insertion of the following words:**

- 4A(1)** Fees and fines referred to these Regulations may be paid to the Council or –
- (a) by cash deposited over the counter at the bank into the Council's bank account;
  - (b) by internet transfer or other electronic banking means, provided that the payment is made into the Council's bank account; or
  - (c) by any other method made available by the Council from time to time.
- (2) In respect of any payment mentioned in sub-regulation (1), the correct reference number to identify the person who made the payment must be supplied. A person registered with the Council shall use his or her registration number as a social worker, child and youth care worker, social auxiliary worker, auxiliary child and youth care worker, student social worker, student child and youth care worker, student social auxiliary worker or student auxiliary

child and youth care worker; and any other person shall use his or her allocated reference number.

## REPEAL

### 2. Amendment of regulation 4A of the Regulations

4. The Regulations made under the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 published by Government Notice No. R. 3485 in Government Gazette No. 48693 of 2 June 2023 is herewith repealed.

## SHORT TITLE

5. These regulations shall be called the *Regulations on Fees payable by social workers, child and youth care workers, social auxiliary workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers, student social workers, student child and youth care workers, student social auxiliary workers and student auxiliary child and youth care workers, 2025*.