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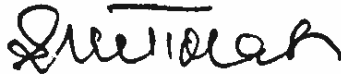
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**SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS ACT, 1978 (ACT 110 OF 1978)**

**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 AMENDMENT REGULATIONS.**

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

Interested parties are invited to submit substantiated written comments on the amended regulations to the Minister of Social Development, Private Bag X901, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of Ms Galeboe Rapoo) or by email to [Professionalsupport@dsd.gov.za](mailto:Professionalsupport@dsd.gov.za) within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the Government Gazette.



MS NG TOLASHE, MP  
MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 15.11.2024

**SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**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 FOR 2024/25.**

<b>SUB- REGULATION COMMENTED ON</b>  (indicate sub-regulation commented on)	<b>PROPOSAL</b>  (provide a clear proposal on how the particular sub-regulation should be amended)	<b>MOTIVATION</b>  (provide detailed motivation for the proposed amendment)

## 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 ending 31 March of every 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 17(2)(b), 17C(3)(c), 18A(6)(b), 18B(2)(b) and 28(1)(a) of the Act 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

### 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.	[R262.00]	<u>R280.00</u>
(ii)	Additional levy in the case of paragraph (a)(i) for a registration which is requested to be finalised within three working days.	[R325.00]	<u>R350.00</u>
(iii)	Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution outside the Republic in a SADC country.	[R1,934.00]	<u>R2,080.00</u>
(iv)	Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution outside the Republic in countries other than those mentioned in paragraph (a)(iii).	[R3,804.00]	<u>R4,090.00</u>
(v)	Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been suspended in terms of section 22(1)(b) of the Act.	[R803.00]	<u>R860.00</u>
(vi)	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
(vii) Annual fee, subject to regulation 3.	[R500.00]	<u>R540.00</u>
(viii) 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>R1,595.00</u>
<b>[(ix) Registrar's fine for fees paid after 31 March, subject to section 20(1)(d) of the Act.]</b>	[R465.00]	
<b>[(x)] (ix)</b> 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>R1,330.00</u>
<b>[(xi)] (x)</b> Examination fee for the purpose of an examination of a person who obtain a qualification inside the Republic in terms of section 18A(5).	[R1,340.00]	<u>R1,440.00</u>
<b>[(xii)] (xi)</b> Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (a)(i), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) <b>[(vii)]</b> and <b>(viii)</b> for the re-assessment of an application that needs to be re-submitted due to insufficient information	[R214.00]	<u>R230.00</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 suspended in terms of section 22(1)(b) of the Act.	[R803.00]	<u>R860.00</u>
(iv) 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>
(v) Annual fee, subject to regulation 3.	[R500.00]	<u>R540.00</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.	[R762.00]	<u>R819.00</u>
<b>[(vii) Registrar's fine for fees be paid after 31 March.]</b>	[R488.00]	
<b>[(viii)] (vii)</b> Examination fee for a speciality in terms of section 17C(2A)(b) of the Act.	[R1,340.00]	<u>R1,440.00</u>
<b>[(ix)] (vii)</b> Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (b)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and <b>(vi)</b> 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 suspended in terms of section 22(1)(b) of the Act.	[R803.00]	<u>R865.00</u>
(iii) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	[R803.00]	<u>R865.00</u>
(iv) 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>
[(v) Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (c)(i), (ii) (iii) and (iv) for the re-assessment of an application that needs to be re-submitted due to insufficient Information]	[R214.00]	

- (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) Additional levy in the case of paragraph (a)(i) for a registration which is requested to be finalised within three working days.	[R325.00]	<u>R350.00</u>
(iii) 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>
(iv) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution outside the Republic in countries other than those mentioned in paragraph (a)(iii).	[R2,495.00]	<u>R2,680.00</u>
(v) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been suspended in terms of section 22(1)(b) of the Act.	[R803.00]	<u>R865.00</u>
(vi) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	[R803.00]	<u>R865.00</u>
(vii) Annual fee, subject to regulation 3.	[R250.00]	<u>R270.00</u>
(viii) Fee (registration and annual 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.	[R512.00]	<u>R550.00</u>
[(ix) Registrar's fine for fees be paid after 31 March, subject to section 20(1)(d) of the Act.]	[R245.00]	
[(x)] (ix) 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>
[(xi)] (x) Examination fee for the purpose of an examination of a person who obtain a qualification inside the Republic in terms of section 18A(5).	[R1,340.00]	<u>R1,440.00</u>

Classification category and service	Professional Fees	
	Current	Amended fees
[(xii)] (xi) Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (d)(i), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) and (viii) 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 suspended in terms of section 22(1)(b) of the Act.	[R803.00]	<u>R865.00</u>
(iii) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	[R803.00]	<u>R865.00</u>
(iv) 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>R865.00</u>
[(v) Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (c)(i), (ii) and (iii) for the re-assessment of an application that needs to be re-submitted due to insufficient Information]	[R214.00]	

- (f) The following fees pertaining to continuing professional development (CDP) 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>

Classification category and service	Professional Fees	
	Current	Amended fees
(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>R265.00</u>
(v) Additional levy in the case of any express service which is requested to be finalised within 3 working days	[R325.00]	<u>R350.00</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)]** and are 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.

## RESERVATION

### 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 who is not full time employed or continue to be full time employed, shall be exempted from the payment of annual fees in terms of section 28(4)(a) of the Act for the following financial years [year] if such application reach Council [annually] on or before 30 November: provided that if such a person being exempted from payment of annual fees becomes full time employed after he or she has been exempted, he or she must declare the employment status and pay the full annual fees for the financial year concerned.
- (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 the submission of the following with his or her application:
- (aa) written proof that he or she is unemployed for a period of three consecutive months or longer;
- (bb) an affidavit completed at the South African Police Service on a prescribed form that he or she is not employed, nor has any form of income;
- (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) Sub-paragraph (ii) of 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.

**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.



**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—
- (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.

(3) The Council will publish a list of the valid transaction type codes mentioned in sub-regulation (2) on its website, which may be revised from time to time according to the Council's requirements.

(4) Payments that cannot be correctly allocated because of failure to comply with sub-regulation (2) will be regarded as not received in time if there is a deadline by which the payment is due.

**(2) Sub-regulation (5) of regulating 4A is hereby amended by the insertion of the following words:**

(5) A payment contemplated in sub-regulation (4) shall be kept in a separate account until such time the person who made the payment is identified for a period not exceeding three years, where-after, the fee will be regarded as un-allocated and recognised as other income in relation to the operations of Council. This will apply *mutatis mutandis* regarding unidentified fees received prior to the date of the publication of these regulations.

(6) Organisations wishing to make a single bulk payment in respect of annual fees of two or more persons must first contact the Registrar regarding the necessary arrangements to ensure that the payment is correctly allocated to the organisation and that the Registrar can correctly sub-allocate the various amounts to the persons for whom the payments are made.

(7) Payments made will only be considered to have been paid on time if the item appears with correct reference number on the Council's bank statement with a transaction date before or on the due date for payment. A person paying by Internet or other electronic banking must take into account the banking rules pertaining to the transaction date that will apply to such payment.

**SHORT TITLE**

5. These regulations shall be called the *Amendment 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, 2024.*