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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

No. R. 17

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SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS ACT 1978

REGULATIONS REGARDING THE FEES PAYABLE BY SOCIAL WORKERS, STUDENT SOCIAL WORKERS AND SOCIAL AUXILIARY WORKERS

The Minister of Social Development has, in terms of section 28 of the Social Services Professions Act, 1978 (Act 110 of 1978), on the recommendation of the South African Council for Social Service Professions, made the Regulations set out in the Schedule hereto:

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In these Regulations "the Act" means the Social Service Professions Act, 1978 (Act 110 of 1978), as amended and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear that meaning, unless the context otherwise indicates.

Fees payable to the Council

2. (a) The following fees shall be paid to the Council by **social workers**:

- (i) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution in the RSA.....R163.00
- (ii) Additional levy in the case of paragraph (i) for a registration which is requested to be finalized within three working days.....R89.00
- (iii) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution in one of the following countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America..... R2 953.00
- (iv) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at

training institutions in all foreign countries excluding those mentioned in paragraph (iii).	R985.00
(v) Registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	R163.00
(vi) Annual fee, subject to Regulation 3.	R380.00
(vii) Fee for the restoration of the name of a person whose name has been removed from the register in terms of section 20 of the Act.	R163.00

(b) The following fees shall be paid to the Council by **social workers registering a speciality of adoption work and/or occupational social Work and/or probation services:**

(i) Assessment fee.	R695.00
(ii) Registration fee.	R139.00
(iii) Registration fee by a person whose registration of the Speciality has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	R139.00
(iv) Annual fee, subject to regulation 3.	R172.00
(v) Fee for the restoration of the Speciality against the name of a social worker in the Register.	R139.00

(c) The following fees shall be paid to the Council by **student social workers:**

(i) Registration fee.	R175.00
(ii) Registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	R175.00
(iii) Fee for the restoration of the name of a person whose name has been removed from the Register in terms of section 20 of the Act.	R175.00

(d) The following fees shall be paid to the Council by **social auxiliary workers:**

(i) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training provider in the RSA.	R94.00
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- (ii) Additional levy in the case of paragraph (d)(i) for a registration which is requested to be finalized within three working daysR89.00
- (iii) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution in one of the following countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, United States of AmericaR1 471.00
- (iv) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institutions in a foreign country excluding those mentioned in paragraph (d)(iii).....R493.00
- (v) Registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.....R94.00
- (vi) Annual fee, subject to regulation3.....R186.00
- (vii) Fee for the restoration of the name of a person whose name has been removed from the register in terms of section 20 of the Act.R94.00
- (e) The following **miscellaneous** fees shall be paid to the Council:
- (i) Fee for a duplicate registration certificate.....R163.00
- (ii) Fee for inspection of the register (per occasion).....R163.00
- (iii) Fee for an extract from the register (per page).....R163.00

(f) The Annual Fee referred to in paragraphs (a)(vi), (b)(iv) and (d)(vi) shall:-

- (i) subject to the provisions of the subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) be paid on or before 1 January of every year;
- (ii) in the case of a person who is registered for the first time as social worker or a social auxiliary worker or a social worker registering a speciality in terms of the Act, be calculated pro rata for the period extending from the first day of the month during which he or she is registered to the end of the financial year concerned, and be paid in full for the year concerned before such person's name is entered in the register in the case of a person who applies for registration in terms of section 22(4)

of the Act or 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, be calculated pro rata for the period extending from the first day of the month during which the person's name is restored to the register to the end of the financial year concerned and be payable before such person's name is restored to the register: Provided that, in the case of a person whose name has been removed from the register in terms of section 20(1)(d) of the Act and such person has proceeded to practice as a social worker, the annual fee be paid in full for the current financial year as well as an *additional amount* of R391.00 in the case of **social workers** and R195.00 in the case of **social auxiliary workers** before such person's name can be restored to the register concerned.

(g) The fees referred to in these Regulations include Value Added Tax.

Reservation

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a)(vi), (b)(iv) and (d)(vi) of Regulation 2 –

(a) Any person who in the course of any financial year attains the age of 65 years on or before 31 March of that financial year shall be exempted from the payment of annual fees for the following financial years;

(b) Any person who in the opinion of the Council does not practice the profession of social work or social auxiliary work because of health reasons and who has applied in writing to the Council for exemption of payment of the annual fee shall, for the period and on the conditions determined by the Council, be exempted from the payment of annual fees; and

(c) Any person who in the course of any financial year ceases to practice the profession of social work or social auxiliary work on or before 31 March of that financial year and who applies in writing to the Council for exemption shall be exempted from the following financial year of the full payment of the annual fees and shall pay only an amount which is calculated to be 50 percent of the annual fees: Provided that **before** re-entering the profession such a person shall inform the Council in writing of such intention and shall pay the outstanding pro rata annual fees calculated from the first day of the month of re-entry to the profession, within twenty-one days after being notified of the amount payable, after which the said exemption shall fall away.

Repeal

4. The regulations made under the Social Service Professions Act, 1978 published as Government Notice No. R 738 in Government Gazette No 32397 of 17 July 2009 is hereby repealed.

Commencement

These regulations shall come into effect on the date of publication of this notice.
