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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

NO. R. 17

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**SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS ACT, 1978 (Act No. 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, AND STUDENT CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS  
AMENDMENT REGULATIONS**

I, Lindiwe Zulu, Minister of Social Development, *intend* to make the Regulations in terms of section 28(1)(a) of the Social Service Professions Act, 1978 (Act No. 110 of 1978) and on the recommendation of the South African Council for Social Service Professions in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit substantiated written comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Minister of Social Development, Private Bag X901, Pretoria, 0001 or 134 Pretorius Street, 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 L. ZULU, MP

MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 18/11/2020

SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

**SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS ACT, 1978 (Act No. 110 OF 1978)**

**ANNUAL FEES PAYABLE BY SOCIAL WORKERS, CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS, SOCIAL AUXILIARY WORKERS, AUXILIARY CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS, STUDENT SOCIAL WORKERS, AND STUDENT CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKERS FOR 2021**

**SUB-REGULATION COMMENTED ON**

(Indicate the sub-regulation commented on)

**PROPOSAL**

(provide a clear proposal on how the particular sub-regulation should be amended)

**MOTIVATION**

(provide detailed motivation for the proposed amendment)

## SCHEDULE

### DEFINITIONS

1) In these regulations

**'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 –

**'the Regulations'** means fees payable by social workers, child and youth care workers, social auxiliary workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers, student social workers, and student child and youth care workers amendment regulations published in Government Notice No. 42240 (GNR 221 of 22 February 2019);

**'financial year'** means a year ending 31 March of every year;

Regulation 1 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion of the following definition:

**'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.

2) Fees payable by social workers and child and youth care workers:

(a) The following fees shall be paid by social workers and child and youth care workers-

Applicable section of the Act	Classification category and service	Current fees	2021 Proposed Professional Fees
Section 17	(i) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution in the Republic of South Africa.	[R233.00]	R340.00
	(ii) Additional levy in the case of paragraph (a)(i) for a registration that is requested to be finalised within three working days.	[R111.00]	R600.00
	(iii) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution outside the Republic, in a SADC country	[R1,721.00]	R3,000.00
	(iv) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution outside the Republic in [all foreign] countries other than [excluding] those mentioned in paragraph (a)(iii) [(2 <sup>nd</sup> World)].	[R3,386.00]	R4,800.00

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Applicable section of the Act	Classification category and service	Current fees	2021 Proposed Professional Fees
Section 22(1)(b) Section 22(3)	(v) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been suspended in terms of section 22(1)(b) of the Act.		R1000.00
Section 22(1)(c) Section 22(3)	(vi) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	[R250.00]	R1000.00
Section 12(1)(a) Section 28(1)(a)	(vii) Annual fee, subject to regulation 3.	[R444.00]	R600.00
Section 20(3)	(viii) 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.	[R222.00]	R720.00
Section 12(1)(b)	(ix) Registrar's fine for fees paid after 31 March.	[R434.00]	R434.00
Section 17D(3)	(x) Examination fee for the purpose of an examination of a person who obtain a qualification outside the Republic in terms of section 17D(3).	Nil	4,000.00
Section 18A(5)	(xi) Examination fee for the purpose of an examination of a person who obtain a qualification inside the Republic in terms of section 18A(5).	Nil	2,500.00

Applicable section of the Act	Classification category and service	Current fees	2021 Proposed Professional Fees
Section 12(1)(a)	(xii) Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (a)(i), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) for the re-assessment of an application that needs to be re-submitted due to insufficient information	Nil	R250.00

### 3) Fees payable by social workers for registration in a social work speciality

(a) The following fees shall be paid by social workers for registration in of adoption work, clinical social work forensic social work, probation social work, occupational social work, social work in health care and social work supervision in terms of section 17C of the Act-

Applicable section of the Act	Classification category and service	Current fees	2021 Proposed Professional Fees
Section 17C	(i) Assessment fee.	[R800.00]	R1,060.00
	(ii) Registration fee.	[R222.00]	R340.00
Section 22(1)(b)	(iii) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration of the speciality has been suspended in terms of section 22(1)(b) of the Act.	Nil	R1,000.00
Section 22(1)(c)	(iv) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration of the speciality has been	[R222.00]	R1,000.00



Applicable section of the Act	Classification category and service	Current fees	2021 Proposed Professional Fees
	cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.		
Section 12(1)(a) Section 28(1)(a)	(v) Annual fee, subject to regulation 3.	[R444.00]	R600.00
section 20(3)	(vi) Fees 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.	[R211.00]	R720.00
Section 12(1)(b)	(vii) Registrar's fine for fees paid after 31 March.	[R434.00]	R434.00
Section 17C(2A)(b)	(viii) Examination fee for speciality in terms of section 17C(2A)(b) of the Act.	Nil	R1,800.00
Section 12(1)(a)	(ix) 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.	Nil	R250.00

4) Fees payable by student social workers and student child and youth care workers

(a) The following fees shall be paid by student social workers and student child and youth care workers-

Applicable section of the Act	Classification category and service	Current fees	2021 Proposed Professional Fees
Section 17	(i) Registration fee before 31 March of the first year of study.	[R217.00]	R250.00
Section 22(1)(b)	(ii) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been suspended in terms of section 22(1)(b) of the Act.	Nil	R250.00
Section 22(1)(c)	(iii) Re-registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(c) of the Act.	[R217.00]	R250.00
Section 20(3)	(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.	[R211.00]	R250.00
Section 12(1)(a) Section 28(1)(a)	(v) Annual fee payable every year from the second year of study until completion of studies.	Nil	R100.00
Section 12(1)(b)	(vi) Registrar's fine for annual fees paid after 31 March.	Nil	R200.00
Section 12(1)(a)	(x) Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (c)(i), (ii) and (iii)	Nil	R250.00

Applicable section of the Act	Classification category and service	Current fees	2021 Proposed Professional Fees
	for the re-assessment of an application that needs to be re-submitted due to insufficient information.		

**5) Fees payable by social auxiliary workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers**

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

Applicable section of the Act	Classification category and service	Current fees	2021 Proposed Professional Fees
Section 17	(i) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution in the Republic of South Africa.	[R134.00]	R300.00
	(ii) Additional levy in the case of paragraph (d)(i) for a registration, which is requested to be finalised within three working days.	[R111.00]	R600.00
	(iii) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at a training institution outside the Republic, in a SADC country	[R1166.00]	R2,280.00

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Applicable section of the Act	Classification category and service	Current fees	2021 Proposed Professional Fees
	(iv) Registration fee by applicants who obtained their qualifications at training institutions outside the Republic in [all foreign] countries other than [excluding] those mentioned in paragraph (a)(iii)	[R2,220.00]	R3,600.00
Section 22(1)(b)	(v) Registration fee by a person whose registration has been suspended in terms of section 22(1)(b) of the Act	Nil	R600.00
Section 22(1)(c)	(vi) Registration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(b)(c) of the Act	[R234.00]	R600.00
Section 12(1)(a) Section 28(1)(a)	(vii) Annual fee, subject to regulation 3	[R222.00]	R360.00
section 20(3)	(viii) Fees for the restoration of the name of a person whose name has been removed from the register in terms of section 20(c) of the Act	[R222.00]	R480.00
Section 12(1)(b)	(ix) Registrar's fine for fees paid after 31 March	[R217.00]	R360.00
Section 17D(3)	(x) Examination fee for the purpose of an examination of a person who obtain a qualification outside the Republic in terms of section 17D(3)	Nil	R2,400.00

Applicable section of the Act	Classification category and service	Current fees	2021 Proposed Professional Fees
Section 18A(5)	(xi) Examination fee for the purpose of an examination of a person who obtain a qualification inside the Republic in terms of section 18A(5)	Nil	R1,800.00
Section 12(1)(a)	(xi) Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (d)(i), (iii), (iv), (v), (vii) and (iii) for the re-assessment of an application that needs to be re-submitted due to insufficient information	Nil	R250.00

**6) Fees payable by student social auxiliary workers, student auxiliary child and youth care workers and learner auxiliary child and youth care workers**

(a) The following fees shall be payable by student social auxiliary workers, student auxiliary child and youth care workers and learner auxiliary child and youth care workers-

Applicable section of the Act	Classification category and service	Current fees	2021 Proposed Professional Fees
Section 17	(i) Registration fee before 31 March of the first year of study	[R206.00]	R250.00

Applicable section of the Act	Classification category and service	Current fees	2021 Proposed Professional Fees
Section 22(1)(b)	(ii) Reregistration fee by a person whose registration has been suspended in terms of section 22(1)(b)(c) of the Act	[R222.00]	R250.00
Section 22(1)(c)	(iii) Reregistration fee by a person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of section 22(1)(b)(c) of the Act	[R222.00]	R250.00
Section 20(3)	(iv) Fee for the restoration of the name of a person whose name has been removed from the Register in terms of section 20(c) of the Act	[R200.00]	R250.00
Section 12(1)(a) Section 28(1)(a)	(v) Annual fee payable every year from the second year of study until completion of studies	Nil	R100.00
Section 12(1)(b)	(vi) Registrar's fine for annual fees paid after 31 March	Nil	R200.00
Section 12(1)(a)	(vii) Administrative fee additional to the fees prescribed in paragraphs (e)(i), (ii) and (iii) for the re-assessment of an application that needs to be re-submitted due to insufficient information	Nil	R250.00

7) Fees payable for Continued Professional Development (CPD)

(a) The following fees pertaining shall be paid Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities-

Applicable Section of the Act	Classification category and service		Professional Fees
Section 12(1)(a) Section 14(B)	(i) Fees for the approval of a CPD activity offered to practitioners at no cost to the practitioner.	[R111.00]	R300.00
Section 12(1)(a)	(ii) Fees for the approval of a CPD activity offered to practitioners at a specified registration fee or cost to the practitioner.	[R555.00]	R1,800.00
Section 12(1)(a)	(iii) Administrative fee for the re-assessment of an application in terms of paragraphs (f)(i) or (ii) that needs to be re-submitted due to insufficient information	Nil	R500.00

8) Miscellaneous fees

(1) The following miscellaneous fees shall be paid-

Applicable Section of the Act	Classification category and service		Professional Fees
Section 17(2)(b) Section 18(B)(2)(b)	(i) Fee for a duplicate registration certificate	[R245.00]	R420.00
Section 12(1)(e)	(ii) Fee for inspection of the register (per occasion)	[R245.00]	R660.00
Section 18(B)(2)(b)	(iii) Fee for the issue of an extract from the register (per page)	[R500.00]	R660.00
Section 12(1)(e)	(iv) Fee for certificate of status of good standing	[R600.00]	R1,200.00
Section 12(1)(a)	(v) (ii) Additional levy in the case for any [registration] express service which is requested to be finalised within three working days	[R111,00]	R600.00

(2) The annual fees referred to in paragraphs (a)(vi), (b)(iv); (c)(iv) (d)(vii) and (e)(iv) shall subject to the provisions of sub-regulation (a)(b),(c) and (d) be paid on or before 1 January 2021.



(3) The following considerations have been made regarding payment of fees in case of a person who-

- a) is registered for the first time as a social worker or a social auxiliary worker, and child and youth care worker or auxiliary child and youth care worker or a [social worker] person registering a speciality in terms of the Act, fees shall 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, before such person's name is entered in the register.
- b) applies for re-registration in terms of section 22(4) of the Act.
- c) applies for re-registration in terms of section 22(5) of the Act.
- d) 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 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, [as a social worker or child and youth care worker] the annual fee be paid in full for the current financial year, and outstanding financial years if he or she practiced before such person's name can be restored to the register concerned; and shall 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.
- e) The fees referred to in these Regulations include Value Added Tax.

9) Reservation/ exemption

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

(a) Any person who attains the age of 65 years on 1 January in terms of Section 28(4)(a) and [in the course of a financial year attains the age of 65 years on or before 31 March of 2021 who is not full-time employed or continue to be full time employed, shall be exempted from the payment of annual fees for the following financial year, if he or she applies in writing for such exemption to the Council and shall re-apply annually for the renewal of the exemption status.

(b) Any person who in the opinion of Council –

- (i) does not practice because of health reasons, the profession he or she is registered for with Council at a professional or auxiliary level, or
- (ii) who has been unemployed for a period of three consecutive months or longer, subject to the submission of written proof on or before the annual fee is payable,
- (iii) and who has applied in writing to Council for exemption from 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 for the following financial year provided that in the case of a person who is unemployed, s/he provides proof to Council in the form of 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.

(2) Any person,

- (a) other than a person mentioned in paragraph (b), who in the course of a financial year ceases to practise the profession on or before 31 March 2021, [shall be exempted from the following financial year of the full payment of the annual fees].

(b) who applies in writing to the Council for exemption shall pay only an amount which is calculated to be fifty percent of the annual fees provided that before re-entering the profession such person shall inform Council in writing of such intention and shall pay the {outstanding pro rata} full annual fee{s calculated from on 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 such exemption shall fall away}.

- (3) 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-
- (a) must before re-entering the profession inform Council in writing of such intention,
  - (b) shall pay within thirty days, the outstanding pro rata annual fee for the financial year during which he or she resume practice, after which such exemption shall fall away.

#### 10) Method of payment

- (1) Fees and fines referred to these Regulations may be paid to the Council by any of the following methods –
- a) cash deposited into the Council's bank account;
  - b) Internet transfer or other electronic banking means, provided that the payment is made into the Council's bank account;
  - c) any other method made available by the Council from time to time.
- (2) In respect any payment mentioned in sub-regulation (1), the correct reference number to identify the person who made the payment must be supplied together with the transaction type code for the required service or services.
- (3) A person registered with the Council shall use his or her registration number as a reference number.

- (4) And any other person shall use his or allocated reference number for payment of any applicable fees.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Payments that cannot be correctly allocated because of failure to comply with sub-regulation (3) will be regarded as not received in time if there is a deadline by which the payment is due.
- (7) 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 be allocated as other income in the relation to the operations of Council.
- (8) 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.
- (9) 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.
- (10) Any 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.

**11) Short title**

These regulations are called the *Annual 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 for 2021*

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