



# SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

## GENERAL NOTICE 4 OF 2022

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3 May 2022

### NOTICE TO:

1. All registered social workers, social auxiliary workers, child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers,
2. Employers of social service professionals; and
3. Professional associations of social service professionals

### SACSSP ELECTIONS 2022: INFORMATION ELECTION TIMEFRAMES AND PROCEDURES

1. The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) hereby reminds all registered social workers, social auxiliary workers, child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers of the elections currently underway for the 5<sup>th</sup> South African Council for Social Service Professions, 5<sup>th</sup> Professional Board for Social Work and 4<sup>th</sup> Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work with a polling day of **16 May 2022**. *Board Notice 248 of 2022* was published in Government Gazette 46288 of 29 April 2022 with a list of candidates and detailing the election procedure.
2. Election of Members is through the *prescribed electronic election procedures* where eligible voters will complete an **electronic/online Ballot Paper** and submit it online using a secure link (recommended method of voting) *or* election of Members will be through the prescribed *manual election procedures* where eligible voters will complete paper Ballot Paper and submit it in the prescribe manner in the case where a voter is not able to vote through an electronic/online Ballot Paper or opt in writing not to use an electronic Ballot Paper (please see the abovementioned Board Notice for details).
3. On 29 April 2022 web-based links were sent to eligible voters' electronic mail (email) addresses as on the Register kept in terms of section 19 of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978.
4. A voter needs to verify upon receipt that the web-based link directs him or her to the aforementioned Ballot papers. If it does not, he or she needs to inform the Returning Officer immediately, but not later than **6 May 2022**, in writing to email address [elections@sacssp.co.za](mailto:elections@sacssp.co.za) as to allow for the correct link to be sent. *No request after 6 May 2022 will be accommodated.*
5. For paper *Ballot Papers*:
  - 5.1 Eligible voters, shall receive:
    - (a) a uniquely numbered consolidated paper Ballot Paper that contains four (4) distinct *Ballot Papers* containing the names of the nominees who may be voted for, as well as the instructions on how to vote and in which category he or she may vote;
    - (b) an identification envelope to be completed and to place the ballot paper in; and

- (c) a returning envelope to place the identification envelope (with the ballot paper inside) in and return to the SACSSP.
- 5.2 The procedures for voting will be clearly indicated on the paper *Ballot Paper* and should be studied carefully by the voter before he or she proceeds to vote.
- 5.3 Paper *Ballot Papers* shall be dispatched by 3 May 2022 to the postal address as on the Register kept in terms of section 19 of the Act. If such a voter has not received a paper *Ballot Paper* by 6 May 2022, he or she must contact the Returning Officer at [elections@sacssp.co.za](mailto:elections@sacssp.co.za) **immediately**.
- 5.4 A paper *Ballot Paper* returned by **postal mail** will only be accepted as a valid *Ballot Paper*:  
(a) if the date stamp of the Post Office shows that it was mailed before or on 16 May 2022; and  
(b) if it reaches the Returning Officer no later than 20 May 2022. Any paper ballot paper received after 20 May 2022 shall be rejected.
- 5.5 A voter needs to note that once he or she has submitted a paper *Ballot Paper*, he or she will not be allowed to retract, amend or resubmit such *Ballot Paper*, neither may he or she submit an electronic *Ballot Paper*.
6. A voter, depending on his or her profession and registration category, may only vote in specific categories for nominated candidates on the applicable *Ballot Paper(s)*.
7. Employers are requested to take note of this *General Notice 4 of 2022* and bring the content thereof to the attention of all social workers, social auxiliary workers, child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers in their employ.
8. Professional associations drawing membership from social service professionals are requested to bring the content of this *General Notice 4 of 2022* to the attention of their members who are registered social workers, social auxiliary workers, child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers
9. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

**ISSUED BY:** REGISTRAR, Ms Langi LC Malamba