

#### **SOUTH AFRICAN** COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

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## 100 days from now

On 14 October 2022 the 5th Professional Board for Social Work held its 55th meeting. The meeting focused on the core business of the Professional Board and the first 100 days priorities the Professional Board wants to achieve. The top 5 priorities the Professional Board wants to address within the next 100 days are:

- unemployed social workers and social auxiliary workers (exemption from paying annual fees for unemployed registered social service professionals)
- assessments of 5 registration applications of applicants with qualifications obtained outside the Republic of South Africa in terms of section 17D of the Act
- assessments of 80 continuing professional development (CPD) applications
- assessment of 30 new complaints of alleged unprofessional or improper conduct by social workers and social auxiliary workers by the Committee for Preliminary Inquiry (CPI)
- planning for quality assurance visits to training institutions offering the prescribed qualifications in social work and social auxiliary work between March and September 2023.

Look out for more details on the statement of this Professional Board's meeting to be issued.

On 17 October 2022 the National Child and Youth Care Workers Movement Leadership, a movement representing unsupported child and youth care workers with a more than 100 membership, held a virtual meeting with SACSSP's Secretariat on issues of registration and advocacy by the SACSSP. The Movement raised concerns on the registration of child and youth care workers and the working conditions. Matters pertaining to career pathing, access to further education, supervision, role of child and youth care workers in dispensing medicaction and employment of non-registered child and youth care workers by employing organisations were raised. Clarity on the issues raised was given and the Registrar affirmed SACSSP's commitment through the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work to serve the interest of the child and youth care work profession (child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers) as provided for in the Act and Regulations.

### **UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

General Notice 9 of 2022 on exemption of annual fees for unemployed social service professionals will be published soon, be on the lookout for that.

The 4th Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work held its 48th meeting on 20 October 2022. The statement on this meeting will be issued soon

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