

BOARD NOTICE 248 OF 2022



South African Council for Social Service Professions

Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978

REVISED NOTICE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 11 ON THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE 5TH SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS AND REGULATION 15 ON THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE 5TH PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR SOCIAL WORK AND 4TH PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK**1. DEFINITIONS**

"ballot paper" means a ballot paper used to cast a vote either in paper and/or electronic format;

"candidate" means a person who has been nominated in terms of the Regulations and who qualifies to be elected, and whose name was announced in Board Notice 3 of 2022;

"polling day" means the last day that a voter may vote (in the case of these elections, it is 16 May 2022);

"registration category" means the category within which a person is registered in terms of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 and the relevant Regulations, and for the purpose of these elections the registration categories are social workers (**10-**), social auxiliary workers (**50-**), child and youth care workers (**70-**) and auxiliary child and youth care workers (**90-**);

"Regulations" means Regulations relating to election of members of the South African Council for Social Service Professions (Government Notice No R. 1698 published in Government Gazette 19644 of 31 December 1998); Regulations regarding the election and appointment of members of a professional board (Government Notice No 1427 published in Government Gazette 24039 of 8

November 2002); Regulations regarding the establishment and constitution of a Professional Board for Social Work (Government Notice No. R. 920 published in Government Gazette No 25109 of 27 June 2003) and/or Regulations regarding the establishment and constitution of a Professional Board for Child and Youth Care (Government Notice No. R. 377 published in Government Gazette No 25042 of 14 March 2003), and amendment(s) thereof, as applicable;

"returning officer" means the officer referred to in regulation 4, and is legally responsible to oversee and manage the SACSSP elections; and

"voter" means person registered in terms of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 and who are entitled to vote in terms of the relevant Regulations.

2. POLLING DAY

- 2.1 Notice is herewith given in terms of regulation 11 of the *Regulations relating to election of members of the South African Council for Social Service Professions* (Government Notice No R. 1698 published in Government Gazette 19644 of 31 December 1998) and regulation 15 of *Regulations relating to election of members of Professional Boards* (Government Notice No 1427 published in Government Gazette 24039 of 8 November 2002) on the elections for the Members to serve on the 5th South African Council for Social Service Professions, 5th Professional Board for Social Work and 4th Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work.
- 2.2 The polling day and time for the election of the 5th South African Council for Social Service Professions, 5th Professional Board for Social Work and 4th Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work is: **16h00 on 16 MAY 2022**.
- 2.3 No votes cast by a voter after 16h00 on 16 May 2022 will be accepted by the Returning Officer.
- 2.4 A voter may only vote on the Ballot Paper issued to him or her either by electronic mail (email) or by postal mail by the Returning Officer.

3. ELIGIBLE PERSONS THAT ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE ELECTIONS

- 3.1 In accordance with the Regulations a person is entitled to vote if he or she is:
- 3.1.1 registered with the SACSSP as a social worker in terms of section 17 of the Act
- 3.1.2 registered with the SACSSP as a social auxiliary worker in terms of section 18 of the Act;
- 3.1.3 registered with the SACSSP as a child and youth care worker and auxiliary child and youth care worker in terms of section 18A of the Act; and
- 3.1.4 a South African citizen.
- 3.2 Practically, if you are registered as a social worker, social auxiliary worker, child and youth care worker or auxiliary child and youth care worker, and your annual fees are paid up to date, you may vote for the persons you wish to represent your profession on the 5th South African Council for Social Service Professions, 5th Professional Board for Social Work and 4th Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work, subject to Act and Regulations.
- 3.3 The following persons are not allowed to vote according to the Regulations:
- 3.3.1 Student social workers, student social auxiliary workers, student child and youth care workers and student auxiliary child and youth care worker are not allowed to vote.
- 3.3.2 A person, even if registered in terms of sections 17, 18 and 18A of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978, who is not a South African citizen.

4. VOTING PROCEDURES

4.1 General

- 4.1.1 The election of Members to serve of the 5th South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP), 5th Professional Board for Social Work and 4th Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work will take place per electronic ballot paper, subject to paragraph 4.5.
- 4.1.2 Voters are encouraged to download the *SACSSP Elections 2022 Information Brochure on the voting procedures* from the website (www.sacssp.co.za), which explains the voting procedures in detail and introduces all candidates.

- 4.1.3 The procedures for electronic voting are explained in paragraph 4.6 and, where applicable, for manual or paper voting is explained in paragraph 4.7.

4.2 Social workers

- 4.2.1 Every social worker registered in terms of section 17 of the Act and eligible to vote in terms of the Regulations (voter) shall receive via electronic mail (email), to the email address as on the Register (kept in terms of section 19), before or on 29 April 2022 with a web-based link that will direct a voter directly to the following electronic Ballot Papers:

- ☐ Ballot Paper 1A
- ☐ Ballot Paper 2: Part A

- 4.2.2 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 3 May 2022, in writing at email address elections@sacssp.co.za as to allow for the correct link to be send. No request after 3 May 2022 will be accommodated.

- 4.2.3 Upon the receipt of the email referred to a voter may exercise his or her right to vote in the following categories:

- (a) section 5(1)(a): election of six (6) social workers
- (b) regulation 3(a): election of four (4) social workers

- 4.2.4 A voter shall exercise his or her right to vote no later than 16h00 on the Polling Day, which is 16 May 2022.

- 4.2.5 A voter who has not received an email regarding the elections with a web-based link that directs him or her to the above Ballot Papers by 29 April 2022 must inform the Polling Officer in writing at the following email address: elections@sacssp.co.za

4.3 Social auxiliary workers

- 4.3.1 Every social auxiliary worker registered in terms of section 18 of the Act and eligible to vote in terms of the Regulations (voter) shall receive via electronic mail (email), to the email address as on the Register (kept in terms of section 19), before or on 29 April 2022 with a web-based link that will direct a voter directly to the following electronic Ballot Paper:

- ☐ Ballot Paper 2: Part B

- 4.3.2 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 3 May 2022, in writing at email address elections@sacssp.co.za as to allow for the correct link to be send. No request after 3 May 2022 will be accommodated.

- 4.3.3 Upon the receipt of the email referred to a voter may exercise his or her right to vote in the following categories:

- (a) regulation 3(h): election of one (1) social auxiliary worker

- 4.3.4 A voter shall exercise his or her right to vote no later than 16h00 on the Polling Day, which is 16 May 2022.

- 4.3.5 A voter who has not received an email regarding the elections with a web-based link that directs him or her to the above Ballot Papers by 29 April 2022 must inform the Polling Officer in writing at the following email address: elections@sacssp.co.za

4.4 Child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers

4.4.1 Every child and youth care worker and auxiliary child and youth care worker registered in terms of section 18A of the Act and eligible to vote in terms of the Regulations (voter) shall receive via electronic mail (email), to the email address as on the Register (kept in terms of section 19), before or on 29 April 2022 with a web-based link that will direct a voter directly to the following electronic Ballot Papers:

☐ Ballot Paper 1B

☐ Ballot Paper 3

4.2.2 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 3 May 2022, in writing at email address elections@sacssp.co.za as to allow for the correct link to be send. No request after 3 May 2022 will be accommodated.

4.2.3 Upon the receipt of the email referred to a voter may exercise his or her right to vote in the following categories:

(a) section 5(1)(b): election of three (3) child and youth care workers

(b) regulation 3(a): election of five (5) child and youth care workers

4.2.4 A voter shall exercise his or her right to vote no later than 16h00 on the Polling Day, which is 16 May 2022.

4.2.5 A voter who has not received an email regarding the elections with a web-based link that directs him or her to the above Ballot Papers by 29 April 2022 must inform the Polling Officer in writing at the following email address: elections@sacssp.co.za

4.5 A ***paper ballot paper*** and accompanying documents will be issued by the Returning Officer to:

4.5.1 A voter contemplated in paragraphs 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 who expressly inform the Returning Officer in writing by 3 May 2022 that he or she wishes to cast his or vote on paper ballot paper, where after such ballot paper will be dispatched to him or her in accordance with paragraph 4.8.

4.5.2 A voter who has no email address entered against his or her name on the Register kept in terms of section 19 of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 shall be required to only use the paper ballot paper manual procedures for the purpose of the elections.

4.6 General procedures for voting with an electronic ballot paper

4.6.1 All eligible voters shall receive an email from the Returning Officer that spells out the procedures related to the electronic voting as prescribed in the applicable Regulations.

4.6.2 The mentioned email will provide a single web-based link that will direct a voter directly to the applicable ballot paper(s). The procedures for voting will be clearly indicated in the electronic ballot paper and should be studied carefully by the voter before he or she proceeds to cast a vote.

4.6.3 A voter, depending on his or her profession and registration category, may only vote in specific categories for nominated candidates. There will be clear instructions on the ballot paper.

4.6.4 A ballot paper that is not completed correctly shall be deemed spoiled in terms of the Regulations and the votes on that ballot paper will not be counted.

4.6.5 A voter must indicate in the identification section all the required details, which includes his or her SACSSP registration number to be used as first verification and ID number as second verification. The remainder of the details are information that is required to be on the Register kept by the