THE SOUTH AFRICAN NURSING COUNCIL -
CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SELF-REGULATION:
1944 - 2019

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The nursing profession in South Africa obtained self-regulation on 08 November 1944. The Council held its first Council meeting. This accomplished legally enforceable registration.

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Council gained momentum with the approach of democracy. The Nurses convention in early 1994 was followed by a Ministerial delegation from the four homeland Councils, led by the ANC’s Ms Cheryl Carolus, tasked with drafting a Nursing Act that would reflect democratic principles. This culminated in the amalgamation of the previously existing Nursing Councils - then named Bophuthatswana, Ciskei, Transkei and South African - to form the South African Interim Nursing Council in 1995.

1944

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The existence of the SA Nursing Council as a Statutory Professional Health Council brought to an end voluntary registration which for a long time had compromised public protection. The first Chairman and President of the South African Nursing Council was Col CA Nothard. The first 24-member Council had a two-year tenure, which ended with elections in 1946. The journey amendments of this act mirrors the good, bad and ugly:

- Separation registers of Nurses and Midwives by colour - Nursing Act, 1957;
- Creation of homeland Nursing Councils;
- Limitation of practice of nursing by registered persons only, created a closed profession - enhancing public protection - Nursing Act, 1972;

Cecilia Makiwane was registered on the 7th January 1908 as the first African Professional Nurse in South Africa.
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The positive output of the delegation was the repeal of Nursing Acts of the TBVC states and the institution of the Interim Nursing Council up to 1998.

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The inauguration of the first democratic Nursing Council took place in June 1998 – the first among all Professional Councils to establish a democratic Council.

This Council continued with the transformative process, leading to the Nursing Act, 2005.

Prof RV Gumbi: 1st President of the Democratic elected Council.

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The then Minister of Health, Dr Tshabalala Msimang set up a Ministerial task team in 2001, which revisited all Acts of Health professions. Recommendations of the Task Team were captured in the Nursing Act, 2005 and form the philosophical background for the content of the revised and current Nursing Act, No 33 of 2005.
Provisions of the Nursing Act, 2005, were proclaimed from 2006-2008. This ensured the continued existence of the Council as a juristic person, whose main object is to protect the public, establish, improve, control conditions, standards and quality of nursing education and training as well as practice.

With regards to Education and Training, Section 4 of the Nursing Act makes provision for the accreditation and inspection of Nursing Education Institutions, the monitoring of assessments conducted by accredited Institutions, the conducting of nursing examinations, and the granting of diplomas and certificates.

Section 58(1)(f) of the Nursing Act, 2005 provides for the making of regulations by the Minister of Health, in consultation with the Council.
In 2012, the South African Nursing Council building was renamed to Cecilia Makiwane Building, in recognition of her being the first African registered Professional Nurse in South Africa. She is also recorded as having been a human rights activist.

In 2019 SANC launched its new logo and slogan and is celebrating its 75th anniversary.
Education and Training update

Last intake for Bridging Course

Enrolled Nurses must be aware that the last intake for the Bridging Course for Enrolled Nurses leading to registration as a General Nurse was in June 2019.

There are no private/public colleges who were granted a special concession to have an additional intake for the programme during the last quarter of this year, 2019. Enrolled Nurses are therefore warned against depositing money into accounts of any education institution for the programme.

Midwifery programme/Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing

General Nurses are reminded that for the one year Midwifery programme (Regulation 254) and one year Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing (Regulation 880) the last intake of students has passed.

There are no private/public colleges who were granted a special concession to have an additional intake for the two programmes during the last quarter of this year, 2019.

General Nurses must therefore desist from depositing money into accounts of any education institution for these programmes.

NEIs already accredited

Individuals who intend to undergo nursing education and training should always check on the SANC website, www.sanc.co.za for the Nursing Education Institutions (NEIs) who are already accredited to offer new nursing qualifications in 2020. Individuals should also check the list during the second week of October and second week of December for the latest update.

NOTE: Accreditation of NEIs doesn’t depend on provinces but on the NEIs that have met all the requirements.

Nursing Education Institutions (NEIs) accredited to offer the new nursing programmes

Please note that the updated list of Nursing Education Institutions (NEIs) that are accredited to offer the new nursing programmes with effect from 2020, can be found on the SANC website at https://www.sanc.co.za/neis.htm The list is updated following the SANC Council meetings.

UPDATE ON PARTNERSHIP WITH GOVERNMENT ON DEDUCTION OF ANNUAL FEES FROM PERSAL

Pursuant to the proposal by the South African Nursing Council (SANC) and Resolution 2 of 2018 by the Public Health and Social Development Sectoral Bargaining Council (PHSDSBC), much progress has been made.

A proposed date for implementation was initially October 2019 in line with the resolution. Following on the discussions at the recent meeting of the implementation task group, the SANC has been informed that the implementation is likely to be November 2019. The following, among others, has been achieved:

• Documentation requested from SANC for Treasury purposes has been submitted.
• A code for each Council has been created on Persal
• Letters have been sent to each Council confirming the creation of their code
• A Persal message has been broadcast to all Persal users (employers)
• The statutory Councils are in liaison with the DoH provincial contact persons to facilitate the necessary submissions. Provinces must provide Councils with data for verification by the SANC.
• Five provinces have so far submitted: Gauteng, KZN, Eastern Cape, Northern Cape and Western Cape. The SANC awaits submission by the rest of the provinces.

SANC Roadshows 2019

Kindly note that with the implementation of the Bargaining Chamber resolution with regards to PERSAL as mentioned in the article above, the SANC will not be conducting roadshows to the provinces this year and in future.
### Annual Fees for 2020

#### 1.1 NORMAL ANNUAL FEES
The annual fees for the calendar year 2020 for different categories of practitioners are provided in the table below:

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#### 1.2 REDUCTION IN ANNUAL FEES FOR AGE 60 AND OVER
The Council has resolved to introduce reduced fees for nurses 60 years of age and over as per the tables below:

1. **1.2.1 60 TO 64 YEARS OF AGE ON 1 JANUARY 2020 (25% REDUCTION)**

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1. **1.2.2 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER ON 1 JANUARY 2020 (50% REDUCTION)**

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**NB:** To qualify for the discount amounts, practitioners may be required to submit a certified copy of their identity document in order to confirm their age.

**Notes:**
The annual fees for 2020 must be received by the SANC on or before 31 December 2019.
The amounts in the tables above all include 15% VAT.

Visit [www.sanc.co.za](http://www.sanc.co.za) for more information on e.g. restoration fees, etc.
Collaboration between CHE and the SANC

TO: NOTICE TO ALL NURSING EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

SUBJECT: COLLABORATION BETWEEN COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHE) AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN NURSING COUNCIL (SANC)

This communiqué serves to inform Nursing Education Institutions that the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and the South African Nursing Council (SANC) have reached an agreement regarding the process that will be followed regarding the accreditation of Nursing programmes.

- The current applications submitted to the CHE, and for which the providers have been issued with provisional endorsement letters by the SANC, will be tabled at the meeting of the Accreditation Committee and the HEQC.

- For programmes that meet the CHE requirements, i.e. approved for accreditation by the HEQC, one condition (in addition to any others that may be imposed by the HEQC) will be set as a prior to commencement condition for the Institution to submit the final approval letter from the SANC before the CHE will recommend the qualification for registration on the NQF by SAQA.

- Together with the final approval letter, the SANC will provide the CHE with all the requests for amendment it has made to each higher education institution. Where the amendments do not require more than 50% change to the curriculum, the CHE will recommend the qualification to SAQA for registration on the NQF.

- Where the amendments required by the SANC result in a change of more than 50% to the curriculum, the Institution will be required to submit a new application to the CHE.

- The CHE will no longer accept any nursing applications from providers that do not have a letter of approval from the SANC. This will allow SANC to complete all its processes before the provider engages with the CHE.

- A letter of approval / accreditation by the SANC will be attached to the application for accreditation by the CHE.

Thank you.

Signed

PROF NAREND BALINATH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: CHE

DATE: 09/19

MS SIZENI ANGEL MCHUNU
REGISTRAR & CEO: SANC

DATE: 26/08/2019