

# YOUTH

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## National Youth Service Act 6 of 2005

**Summary:** This Act ([GG 3468](#)) establishes the National Youth Service and the Youth Service Fund. It defines “youth” as persons between the ages of 16 and 30. It was brought into force on 7 September 2005 by GN 11/2005 ([GG 3494](#)).

**Administration of Act:** Proc. 1/2006 ([GG 3582](#)) assigns the administration of this Act to the Minister responsible for youth, national service, sport and culture.

**Regulations:** Regulations are authorised by section 30 of the Act, but none have yet been promulgated.

**Appointments:** Appointments of members of the Board of the National Youth Service are announced in Proc. 18/2019 ([GG 6932](#)), Proc. 55/2020 ([GG 7361](#)) and Proc. 49/2021 ([GG 7716](#)). The appointment of a Commissioner of the National Youth Service is announced in Proc. 55/2020 ([GG 7361](#)).

## National Youth Council Act 3 of 2009

**Summary:** This Act ([GG 4276](#)) establishes the National Youth Council and the Youth Development Fund intended to finance the activities of the Council and projects aimed at youth development. It also provides for youth forums at regional and constituency level, and for the registration of youth organizations and youth associations as affiliates to the Council. It defines “youth” as persons between the ages of 16 and 35. The Act was brought into force on 15 November 2011 by GN 211/2011 ([GG 4834](#)).

**Amendments:** The Abolition of Payment by Cheque Act 16 of 2022 ([GG 7995](#)), which was brought into force on 15 March 2023 by GN 47/2023 ([GG 8050](#)), amends section 30.

**Regulations:** Regulations are authorised by section 48 of the Act, but none have yet been promulgated.

## INTERNATIONAL LAW *African Youth Charter, 2006*

See also **CHILDREN**.