



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024

section 95(10)

Regulations relating to Additional Examinations that may be Conducted in respect of Social Workers and Social Auxiliary Workers

Government Notice 230 of 2010

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These regulations were made in terms of section 56 read with section 23(1)(b)(ii) of the Social Work and Psychology Act 6 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024. Pursuant to section 95(10) of the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024, they are deemed to have been made under that Act.

The Government Notice which publishes these regulations notes that they were made on the recommendation of the Social Work and Psychology Council of Namibia.

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Definitions

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, a word or expression defined in the Act has that meaning, and -

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“conditional registration” as a social worker or a social auxiliary worker, means the conditional registration, under section 23(2)(a) of the Act, of a person as a social worker or a social auxiliary worker, as the case may be;

“full registration” as a social worker or a social auxiliary worker, as the case may be, does not include conditional registration as a social worker or a social auxiliary worker; and

“the Act” means the Social Work and Psychology Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004).

**[The Social Work and Psychology Act 6 of 2004 has been
replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]**

Prescribed additional examinations for a social worker

2. (1) A person registered conditionally as a social worker under section 23(2) of the Act, before he or she becomes entitled to full registration as a social worker under section 20 of the Act, must pass, in addition to the other requirements prescribed by or under the Act and to the satisfaction of the Council, the additional examinations prescribed by subregulation (2).

(2) The prescribed additional examinations referred to in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of section 23 of the Act and in subregulation (1), are examinations in each of the following domains:

- (a) The relevant legislation and policies relating to -
 - (i) the protection and welfare of children;
 - (ii) gender;
 - (iii) family violence;
 - (iv) people living with the human immunodeficiency virus and the acquired immune deficiency syndrome;
 - (v) people living with disabilities;
 - (vi) older people;
 - (vii) people with mental health problems;
 - (viii) sexual abuse and rape; and
 - (ix) addiction to substances;
- (b) Jurisprudence and Ethics relating to Social Work; and
- (c) the Social Work and Psychology Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004), including the regulations and rules made or in force under that Act, in so far as that Act, regulations and rules relate to social workers.

**[The Social Work and Psychology Act 6 of 2004 has been
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Prescribed additional examinations for a social auxiliary worker

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3. (1) A person registered conditionally as a social auxiliary worker under section 23(2) of the Act, before he or she becomes entitled to full registration as a social auxiliary worker under section 20 of the Act, must pass, in addition to the other requirements prescribed by or under the Act, the additional examinations prescribed by subregulation (2).

(2) The prescribed additional examinations referred to in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of section 23 of the Act and in subregulation (1), are examinations in each of the following domains:

- (a) the relevant legislation and policies relating to -
 - (i) the protection and welfare of children;
 - (ii) gender;
 - (iii) family violence;
 - (iv) people living with the human immunodeficiency virus and the acquired immune deficiency syndrome;
 - (v) people living with disabilities;
 - (vi) older people;
 - (vii) people with mental health problems;
 - (viii) sexual abuse and rape; and
 - (ix) addiction to substances;
- (b) Jurisprudence and Ethics relating to Social Work; and
- (c) the Social Work and Psychology Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004), including the regulations and rules made or in force under that Act, in so far as that Act, regulations and rules relate to social auxiliary workers.

**[The Social Work and Psychology Act 6 of 2004 has been
replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]**

Conducting of examinations

- 4.** (1) The examinations prescribed by regulations 2 and 3 -
- (a) must be conducted -
 - (i) by the Council; or
 - (ii) for and on behalf of the Council by a person or institution, whether in Namibia or elsewhere, appointed by the Council for that purpose; or
 - (iii) by an institution outside Namibia recognised by the Council as competent to conduct examinations in the domains prescribed by regulations 2 and 3;

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- (b) may be written, oral or practical examinations, or written, oral and practical examinations; and
 - (c) must be taken by the applicant on the date and at the time and venue notified in writing by the Council to the applicant.
- (2) A notice by the Council under paragraph (c) of subregulation (1) must be sent to the applicant -
- (a) by pre-paid registered post, addressed to him or her at his or her postal address as it appears on his or her application for registration; and
 - (b) not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days, before the date of the examinations prescribed by subregulation (1).