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### SACE REGISTRATION—SPECIAL EDITION

We have had a number of queries regarding registration with the South African Council for Educators (SACE). Newly qualified educators have found it difficult to finalise their registration and there has been uncertainty about whether other categories of staff need to be registered with SACE.

After a fruitful discussion with the SACE Registration Manager, Ms Yvonne Lechaba, we have been provided with information which SACE would like to bring to the attention of SGBs.

The extracts included in this Undercurrents are taken directly from SACE documents.

### APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

The SACE Act, the Employment of Educators Act, and the South African Schools Act require educators in schools to be registered with SACE (whether employed by the school, provincial education departments or independent schools). See an extract from the SACE Act and the “Deviation rules” as at 20 July 2020.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATORS ACT NO. 31 OF 2000 AS AMENDED

2. Objects of Act. —The objects of this Act are—

(a) to provide for the registration of educators

3. Application of Act. —This Act applies to all educators, lecturers and management staff of colleges appointed—

(a) in terms of the Employment of Educators Act, 1998 (Act No. 76 of 1998);

(b) in terms of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996);

(c) in terms of the Further Education and Training Colleges Act, 2006 (Act No. 16 of 2006);

(d) in terms of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation 103 of 1994);

(e) at an independent school; or

(f) at an Adult Learning Centre Act No. 31 of 2007.]

21. Compulsory registration of educators. —

(1) A person who qualifies for registration in terms of this Act must register with the council prior to being appointed as an educator.

(2) No person may be employed as an educator by any employer unless the person is registered with the council.

22. Application for registration. — (1)

(a) An application for registration must be made to the council in the manner and form determined by the council.

(b) The applicant must submit the documentation and information required by the council together with the registration fee referred to in section 5 (d) (i).

(2) The council must consider an application for registration in terms of the requirements for registration determined by the council.

(3) If an applicant for registration satisfies the requirements referred to in subsection (1), the council must register the applicant and issue a registration certificate to the educator.

(4) If an applicant does not satisfy all the requirements, but the council is of the opinion that the requirements will be satisfied within a reasonable time, the council may register the applicant provisionally on such conditions as the council may determine.

(5) When an educator who is provisionally registered as contemplated in subsection (4) satisfies all the requirements for registration and the conditions referred to in that subsection, the council must register the educator in accordance with subsection (3).

(6) If an educator referred to in subsection (4) does not satisfy the requirements for registration within the period specified, the provisional registration lapses and the name of the person is removed from the register.

(7) The period for which an educator is provisionally registered may be extended by the council, and different conditions in respect of different applicants may be determined if there is a reasonable basis for the differentiation.

(8) Different categories of registration may be determined by the council—

(a) to allow for special circumstances of different sectors in education; or

(b) if there is a reasonable basis for such differentiation..

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## FRAUDULENT REGISTRATIONS

SACE's processes have become slower because of the verification checks that have to be done because of the exceedingly high number of fraudulent registrations and the responsibility SACE has if they register people who turn out to be criminals of various sorts. Please see the notice below issued by SACE on 14 August. To assist applicants SACE has provided a list of Service Providers in different provinces who are legitimate. Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE ON FRAUDULENT AND BOGUS REGISTRATION AGENTS / COMPANIES

To : All Educators

The South African Council for Educators (SACE), a statutory body responsible for regulating the teaching profession has amongst its mandates, the responsibility to register all practising and those intending to practice as teachers in South Africa.

Council has noted with serious concern the practice by certain companies who are acting as agents assisting teachers at an exorbitant **cost** for registration with SACE.

Council distances itself and its employees from these institutions/companies and warns all teachers to refrain from engaging with these institutions.

Registration with SACE only takes place when an individual meets all the SACE requirements.

We have also noted that they are utilizing the SACE corporate logo illegally and fraudulently.

Teachers use these agents and then complain later to SACE when they do not receive feedback

## REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

SACE has provided the information in the text box below regarding categories of registration as from July 2020.

SACE wants to indicate that, in terms of the SACE Act no.31 of 2000, along with, Council- Approved SACE Registration Criteria, the registration of prospective and practicing teachers takes place according to the three categories as follows:

- **Full Registration Status Category** – Professionally qualified educators with BEd OR first Degree / Diploma and PGCE only;
- **Provisional Registration Category** – BEd and PGCE student teachers in all public and recognized private Higher Education Institutions;
- **Conditional Special Registration Category** – created to recognise the national priorities in schools and sectoral needs that are necessary in our schools (Performing Arts inclusive of Music, Visual Arts, Therapists and Psychologists, *Areas in Focus Schools, Three Stream Model inclusive of Artisans, Schools of Skills, Technical High Schools, Waldorf and Montessori Schools, Christian / Jewish / Muslim Schools, TVET and CET*).

**Conditional Registration Status limits and ties a registration applicant to a specific Subject / Phase / Institution / Sector only. Thus, an applicant in this category cannot teach any other subject or phase or sector, unless qualified otherwise.** Notably, some of the applicants in this category hold dual membership for SACE and their professional councils (e.g. **Therapists and Psychologists – HPCSA, Aviators – Civil Aviation Authority and others**).

- As from July 2020 there is no need to renew registration within – Conditional registration Category because applicants will be issued with a special registration certificate
- A different colour coded conditional special registration certificate will be issued,

## REGISTRATION OF GRADE R PRACTITIONERS

SACE has recently made a decision to issue a Special Category Certificate for Grade R practitioners, that is those teaching grade R in schools and who do not have a NQF level 6 teaching qualification. Practitioners must therefore also apply for registration. They will be issued a certificate such as the one below.



## THE APPLICATION PROCESS—MESSAGE FROM SACE ON THEIR WEBSITE

Notice: SACE has suspended the walk-in process until further notice due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. No physical dropping or collection of documents is allowed at any of the SACE offices.

For all other SACE related enquiries, please send an email to [info@sace.org.za](mailto:info@sace.org.za).

All new applications must be done via our online portal AND updates via our designated emails.

## HOW TO APPLY

Below is an infographic for persons registering for the first time. A PDF explaining the application process as well as application forms and other necessary forms provided by SACE are attached to this issue of *Undercurrents*.

 **SACE online portal**  
Registration for 1st time applicants only

Register for your online SACE account

# 8 SIMPLE STEPS

- 1. GO TO THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE**  

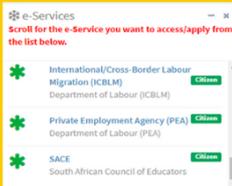
- 2. CLICK 'GET STARTED'**  

- 3. FILL IN YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS**  
Names, surnames, ID/Passport numbers
- 4. FILL IN YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**  
Cellphone number  
email address
- 5. FILL IN YOUR ADDRESS DETAILS**
- 6. CREATE A PASSWORD**
- 7. TYPE IN YOUR VERIFICATION CODE ON SCREEN**
- 8. TYPE IN OTP**  
This OTP will be send to your phone

**YOUR ACCOUNT IS NOW CREATED SUCCESSFULLY**

You can login with your username and password that you have created

Remember, this is only the registration process. Do not forget to log in again and apply for SACE



**Good luck!**

