

2021: A year of hope and new interventions



The year 2020 was officially declared as the International Year of the Nurse. Little did we know in how many ways this would become true. It was a year that challenged us all – on professional, emotional, physical and spiritual levels. The SANC is deeply saddened by the death of those who have succumbed since 2020 – may their souls rest in eternal peace. Conversely, the Council is very grateful for the nurses and colleagues that are here to start a new year with us, albeit a year with its own challenges.

Nobody thought that at the end of 2020 the new year will be even more challenging in the face of this destructive virus. Nobody thought they would have to dig even deeper within themselves to cope, than they already had to during 2020. Nurses of South Africa and stakeholders in the nursing environment: We salute you.

The significant responsibility of caring for people and taking responsibility for their well-being in the face of a pandemic is not to be under-estimated. The impact of holding the hands of those who are succumbing to the virus, repeatedly, should not be ignored.

The well-being of our nurses is of paramount importance. Your perseverance, courage and commitment is commendable and appreciated – by your patients more so than anyone else.

We approach 2021 cautiously but hopeful. Like all things, this too shall come to pass. While we are in the eye of the storm, we wish you well, we wish you safety and good health. Take care of yourself, or you will not be able to take care of those entrusted to you.

The year 2021 will also be the year where the SANC changes the way it does business – as these interventions are being introduced, you will be kept informed. The Council is very excited about this new venture and the positive impact it will have on service delivery. Watch this space!

Kind regards

Ms Sizo Mchunu – Registrar & CEO

BLOW THE WHISTLE on Fraud and Corruption

Report any incidents of fraud, theft and corruption through the various available channels:

- **Toll free:** 0800 20 12 16
- **KPMG Hotfax:** 0800 200 796
- **KPMG Hotmail:** fraud@kpmg.co.za
- **KPMG Hotpost:** BNT 371, PO Box, 14671, Sinoville, 0129

Reminder: Ensure that you have the relevant information at hand before reporting fraud and/ or corruption incidences.

Checklist before you call:

- What is the nature of the incident?
- Where specifically did it happen?
- In which division/department did the incident take place?
- Date and time the incident took place?
- How long and how often has this been going on?
- Number of people involved and their names and surnames?
- Is there monetary value involved? How much?
- Do you have any proof?

Important to note:

- Do not use the Fraud Hotline for lodging complaints and enquiries.

The SANC has provided the relevant reporting channels for complaints, professional conduct related matters and enquiries:

Service-oriented email addresses

EMAIL ADDRESS	TYPE OF ENQUIRY
apc@sanc.co.za	APC related enquiries
customerservice@sanc.co.za	Complaints, compliments, service requests, etc.
restoration@sanc.co.za	Restoration enquiries
foreign@sanc.co.za	Foreign registration enquiries
exams@sanc.co.za	Examination enquiries
personaldetails@sanc.co.za	Change of personal details
cpd@sanc.co.za	CPD enquiries
professionalpractice@sanc.co.za	Preliminary investigation and unfitness to practice
professionalconduct@sanc.co.za	Professional conduct issues
devices@sanc.co.za	Purchasing of distinguishing devices
basicqualifications@sanc.co.za	Commencement and completion of Community Service. Any Midwifery, Bridging and Psychiatry, Auxiliary and Enrolled Nursing enquiries
additionalqualifications@sanc.co.za	Additional qualification enquiries
learnersdesk@sanc.co.za	Any learner registration related enquiries

2021 International Nurses Day

From: International Council of Nurses



The International Council of Nurses (ICN) announced the theme for International Nurses Day 2021 (#IND2021). Following on from previous years, the overarching theme for International Nurses Day (IND) is **Nurses: A Voice to Lead**. The sub-theme for 2021 is: **A Vision for Future Healthcare**.

"This global COVID-19 pandemic has shown the world the important role that nurses play in keeping people healthy across the lifespan," said Annette Kennedy, ICN President. "While there has been significant disruption to healthcare, there has also been significant innovation that has improved access to care. In 2021, we will focus on the changes to and innovations in nursing and how this will ultimately shape the future of healthcare."

The IND 2021 theme thus reflects on the impact of COVID-19 on the health system and the nursing profession and how these might be affected into the future. Nurses, as the largest healthcare profession, must play an integral part in planning the future of healthcare.

Every year, ICN produces a range of resources to inform the public and support nurses. This includes a report, case studies, posters, videos, interviews and social media banners and logos. ICN is calling on nurses to share their stories in the form of a case study to be a part of IND 2021. Guidelines and templates on how to submit a case study can be found at www.icn.ch. Case studies submissions and any questions should be sent to indstories@icn.ch. Previous cases studies and IND resources can be found at www.icnvoicetolead.com.

International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world every **12 May**, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. ICN commemorates this important day each year by choosing a theme and producing IND resources and evidence.



SANC OFFERS FREE RESTORATION TO QUALIFYING NURSES DURING COVID-19 NATIONAL STATE OF DISASTER

The South African Nursing Council (SANC) reiterates its solution to support the nurses who are availing themselves to assist during the Covid-19 crisis. Any nurse, who for the period of the COVID-19 National State of Disaster, wants to be restored back onto the Nurse Register for the sole purpose of rendering services and aiding in the prevention of the spread of Covid-19 or the treatment of affected patients, and is currently not on the Nurse Register, may restore and be registered at a fee of **R0.00**. **Note: This does not apply to those nurses who paid late during December 2020 or earlier periods and now need to restore.**

The Board Notice regarding this special concession was published in the Government Gazette on 9 April 2020 already, but it was important that the process had to be communicated by the Department of Health at a provincial level first to ensure a stream-lined and simplified restoration process. Thus said, it is important to note that this process of restoration for the said period will be done via the relevant departments e.g. Department of Health, Department of Correctional Services, South African Military Health Services and big independent hospital groups. **Nurses cannot restore individually for this process.**

The SANC has created a simplified restoration form to assist the respective departments with the process. Upon completion of the form, the departments and the hospital groups will then provide the SANC with a list of all the nurses to be restored for the National State of Disaster period only. The completed form, available on the SANC website: **www.sanc.co.za**, must be submitted to the Provincial Departments of Health, Department of Correctional Services, South African Military Health Services or big independent hospital groups together with the completed application form sent in response to the advertisement.

Says the SANC Registrar and CEO, Ms Sizo Mchunu: ***"It is important that nurses note that this is an exception to the normal restoration rules and that this restoration will expire at the end of the National State of Disaster, as will be pronounced by the President of South Africa. These Nurses' names will then be removed from the Register and the normal restoration process and fees will then apply for those who choose to remain registered in order to practice nursing."***

Registration Matters

01 Education and training leading to registration of a Nurse (General, Psychiatric and Community) and Midwife (Government Notice No. R.425 of 22 February 1985 as amended (Completion of training and registration as a Community Service Practitioner)

- 1.1 The diagrammatic process flow indicating the steps to be followed on completion of training, application for registration in the category "community service practitioner" and completion of community service is published on the SANC website, www.sanc.co.za under Education and Training.
- 1.2 In order to fast-track the registration process the following must be done:
 - Correct payment as per circular 07/2020 on fees
 - Correct payment code must be used when making a bank deposit. Please put your SANC REF number followed by the code REGPRA e.g (00000000REGFPRA)
 - Forms must be correctly completed
- 1.3 Upon completion of Community Service the Completion report must be sent to the SANC by the Provincial Coordinators. No individual notice of completion will be accepted. No emailed documents will be accepted because all documents must go through the SANC Registry section for purposes of document control.

Post Basic Qualification:

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- 2.1 Upon completion of training the Nursing Education Institutions (NEI) must send the completion records including the declaration and academic transcript to the SANC for registration of the additional qualification.
 - 2.2 Completion records, declaration and academic transcript must contain complete and correct information.
 - 2.3 Commencement and completion of training dates must reflect proper dates
 - 2.4 Correct payment code must be used when making a bank deposit. Please put your SANC REF number followed by the code ADDQUAL e.g. (00000000ADDQUAL).

Accreditation Matters

Kindly note that the list of the Nursing Education Institutions (NEIs) that are accredited for the Postgraduate Diploma in nursing programmes will be published on the SANC website by the **second week of February 2021**.

NB: For further details please refer to the **Government Gazette Circular 72020 Annual Fees 2021**.