

# SOUTH AFRICAN NURSING COUNCIL

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## PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

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# Points for discussion

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- Professional Conduct
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  - Enforcement
- Closure

# Professional Conduct

- "**unprofessional conduct**" means a conduct which, with regards to the profession of a practitioner, is improper, disgraceful, dishonourable or unworthy

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- "~~un~~professional conduct" means a conduct which, with regard to the profession of a practitioner, is ~~im~~proper, ~~dis~~graceful, ~~dis~~honourable ~~or~~ and ~~un~~worthy.
- **Misconduct** is conduct that is unlawful conduct

proper, graceful, honourable ~~or~~ and  
worthy

- **Good** – Respectable, moral, upright, noble, blameless
- **Graceful** – elegant, beautiful
- **Honourable** – admirable, praiseworthy
- **Worthy** – well-intentioned, commendable

“Proud”

# NEED?

- Profession ?
- = “**professional designation**” means a title or status conferred by a professional body in recognition of a person’s expertise and right to practise in an occupational field.
- A profession is an occupation founded upon specialized educational training, the purpose of which is to supply disinterested objective counsel and service to others.

# Examples of unprofessional conduct **and** misconduct derived from cases reported to the SANC

- **Unprofessional Conduct**

- Failure to keep clear and accurate record
- Failure to advocate for your patient
- Acting beyond your scope of practice
- Brining the Nursing Profession into disrepute

- **Misconduct**

- Assault of a patient or colleague
- Theft or fraud

# Enforcement

- You've all heard the story: It's the law.
- Nursing Act 2005, Act No. 33 of 2005
- Preliminary Investigation Committee
- Professional Conduct Committee
- Council
- Appeal

# Closure

- Lets all go back and promote the pride, trots, and ukuzazi that flows from true professional practice.

😊Thank – you😊