

Accreditation of NEIs to offer Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing

The Regulations Relating to the Approval of and the Minimum Requirements for the Education and Training of a Student Leading to Registration as a Nurse Specialist or Midwife Specialist (Government notice No. R. 635 of 5 June 2020) were only promulgated in June 2020. Prior to this, Nursing Education Institutions (NEIs) who have submitted letters of intent to offer the postgraduate Diploma programmes in nursing could not have submitted their applications for accreditation of programmes to SANC prior to June 2020. Some NEIs have already submitted from August 2020 and the list of the accredited NEIs to offer the Post-Graduate Programmes will be published on the SANC website as and when the NEIs are accredited.



The SANC - conducted examination

Bridging course examination for first-year students who wrote the first year in October 2020, will write their final year examination in November 2021.

The May 2021 examination will only cater for students who are repeating the examination for all the SANC - conducted examinations.



Always check first if an NEI is accredited by the SANC

Prospective students who intend to enroll with any NEI for any nursing programme must first check whether the NEI is accredited by the South African Nursing Council (SANC) and also that the nursing programme they intend to enroll for is accredited by SANC. This can be checked by logging on to www.sanc.co.za and then click on **Education Institutions** on the home page. Scroll to the second page where the NEIs that are accredited to offer the new nursing programmes are divided into Universities, Public Colleges and Private Nursing Schools. The NEIs are divided into provinces where the NEIs are located.

ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE FOR 2021

The annual fees for nurses for 2021 can be found on the SANC website: www.sanc.co.za. Nurses are reminded to check before they pay their fees, as annual fees vary from category to category. Annual fees and all fees payable to the SANC are also published during the last week of June on the year preceding the annual fee year in a Circular via a Government Gazette every year.

For **nurse practitioners**, it is important to note that all payments to the SANC must include your SANC reference number and additional 7 digits detailing the nature of the payment (payment type codes). The **NEIs** must use their SANC reference number as well as the payment type code. The proof of payment together with the duly completed supporting documents should be submitted to any of the service-orientated email addresses listed below depending on what the payment is for:

- apc@sanc.co.za;
- registration@sanc.co.za;
- restoration@sanc.co.za;
- additionalqualifications@sanc.co.za;
- customerservice@sanc.co.za;
- cpd@sanc.co.za;
- devices@sanc.co.za;
- education@sanc.co.za;
- foreign@sanc.co.za;
- learnerdesk@sanc.co.za;
- personaldetails@sanc.co.za;
- professionalconduct@sanc.co.za; and
- professionalpractice@sanc.co.za

Further please take note that bank payments (time it takes for your bank deposit to appear in the SANC account) **take approximately 72 hours**.

PERSAL

PERSAL deductions are in full swing for nurses working for the Government departments.

Kindly check with your HR department when this deduction will be made, as the Employer makes this deduction, not the SANC.



REMINDER TO STAKEHOLDERS USE OF PAYMENT CODES WHEN MAKING PAYMENT OF FEES TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN NURSING COUNCIL

The SANC is receiving an alarming amount of payments without the required details to enable it to allocate them to the correct Nursing practitioner or Nursing Education Institution and to the service request or fee which consequently delays the service delivery to those affected.

It should be noted that the Regulation regarding fees and fines payable to the South African Nursing Council (R.170) states that

1. Fees and fines may be paid to the Council-
 - a) by bank guaranteed cheque, credit card or debit card in person at the offices of the Council;
 - b) by cash or bank guaranteed cheque, deposited into the Council's bank account;
 - c) by Internet transfer or other electronic banking means, provided that the payment is made into the Council's bank account; or
 - d) by any other method made available by the Council from time to time.

In respect of any payment mentioned in sub regulation (1), the correct Council account

2. number of the person for whom or organisation for which the payment is made, must be supplied together with the transaction type code for the required service or services.

The Council will publish a list of the valid transaction type codes mentioned in sub regulation (2) on its website, which may be revised from time to time according to the Council's requirements.

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4. In the case of a bank deposit, the account number and transaction type code mentioned in sub regulation (2) must be written in the place marked "Reference" on the deposit slip. In the case of Internet or other electronic payment systems, the reference number and transaction type code must be provided in the information which will appear on the Council's bank statement (Beneficiary/Recipient Reference).

Payments that cannot be correctly allocated because of failure to comply with sub regulations (1), (2), (3) or (4) will be regarded as not received in time if there is a deadline by which the payment is due.

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List of payment codes provided below will assist the SANC in detecting payments easily from our account so that deposits can be processed speedily.

CODES FOR PAYMENT BY INDIVIDUALS:

DESCRIPTION	CODE
Admission of guilt fines	ADGUILT
Annual Fees	ANLFEE
Application Fees (foreign applications)	APPFEE
Certificate of Status Fee	CETSFEE
Replacement Certificate Fee	DUPCFEE
Examination Fees (foreign application exams)	EXAMFEE
Extract Fees (extract from the register)	EXTRFEE
Late Entry Fees (foreign exam applicants)	LATEFEE
Registration Fees (additional qualifications)	ADDQUAL
Registration Fees (assessors, moderators, verifiers)	ASSESSR
Registration Fees (practitioners)	REGFPRA
Remarking Fees (exams)	REMAFEE
Restoration Fees	RESTFEE
Transcript of Training Fees	TRANFEE
Verification Fees	VERIFEE
Purchasing of Distinguishing Devices	SALEDDS
Purchasing of Printed Matter (Nursing Act, regulations, etc.)	PRINMAT
Postage	POSTAGE
Other fees or payments (not mentioned above)	OTHRFEE

CODES TO BE USED BY INSTITUTIONS / ORGANISATIONS/ COMPANIES:

DESCRIPTION	CODE
Accreditation Fees - Nursing Education Institution	ACFLEEN
Accreditation Fees - Reaccreditation of a Nursing Education Institution	ACFRENE
Accreditation Fees - Nursing Education Programme	ACFNEPR
Annual Nursing Education Institution Fee	ANNFNEI
Application Fees	APFAPCE
Audit Visit Fees	AUDVFEE
Examination Fees (candidates)	EXAMFEE
Focus Visit Fees (clinical facilities)	FVFLNC
Focus Visit Fees (nursing education institution)	FVFENEI
Late Entry Fees (exam candidates)	LATEFEE
Registration Fees (additional qualifications)	ADDQUAL
Registration Fees (learners)	REGFLEN
Registration Fees (practitioners)	REGFPRA
Purchasing of Printed Matter (Nursing Act, regulations, etc.)	PRINMAT
Other fees or payments (not mentioned above)	OTHRFEE

Please Note: To expedite the processing of transactions for payments made by direct deposits, nurse practitioners are requested to fax or email the proof of payment and prescribed SANC forms such as restoration forms, distinguishing devices form, registration form etc. to the contact details as provided on the form.

Ordering Distinguishing Devices

Nurses must please note that they need to complete an order form and attach proof of payment to the following email: devices@sanc.co.za. The maximum number of distinguishing device that could be ordered by an individual is three sets per nurse per year.

Sending someone to the SANC office to buy devices on your behalf

The signed authorisation letter for someone else to collect distinguishing devices on your behalf needs to be completed and a certified ID copy needs to accompany the duly completed and duly signed form. Ensure that the authorisation letter and the duly completed forms are signed before taking it to the SANC.

The person you have sent to collect the distinguishing devices on your behalf must also produce their original ID document or original passport in the case of a non-South African citizen.



on ACCREDITATION

Q What is the procedure for opening a new school?

A An applicant must submit a letter of intent to education@sanc.co.za and the guidelines will be emailed to the applicant.

Q Will the SANC still be accrediting Nursing Education Institutions after the implementation of the new nursing qualification?

A Yes, provided that the applicant meets all the SANC requirements.

NEIs also need to comply with the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and the Department on Higher Education and Training (DHET) requirements as all new nursing programmes are on the Higher Education qualifications sub-framework.

Q When will the new nursing qualifications be implemented?

A The new qualifications commenced in 2020 for the Nursing Education Institutions which met the accreditation requirements.

Q Is Ancillary Nursing approved/accredited by the SANC?

A There is no such programme named "ancillary nursing", but ancillary courses are accredited by the Health and Welfare SETA (HWSETA) and such individuals are not registered with the SANC on commencement and completion of training, as these are not nursing programmes.

Q What will happen to students who were trained with the old curriculum? Will they be irrelevant?

A The nurses who trained under legacy qualifications remain relevant. Should the nurses be interested in pursuing the new qualifications, they will need to meet the admission requirements of the Nursing Education Institution (NEI) they intend to enrol with as the requirements differ from one NEI to the next. For recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) e.g. access and recognition of credits are implemented by the NEIs.

Q How can a prospective student know whether the institution he/she is intending to enrol in is complying with the SANC requirements in terms of number of students to be admitted per intake?

A All the institutions that have met SANC accreditation requirements and conditions are posted on the SANC website at www.sanc.co.za on a quarterly basis. It is important that all applicants who wish to pursue a career in nursing verify first, as the SANC cannot be held liable for applicants who deposit money to fly-by-night institutions who purport to be offering nursing programmes. For further clarity applicants could email the SANC at education@sanc.co.za

Q Where can we access the list of approved Nursing Education Institutions (NEI)?

A The SANC has published all the Nursing Education Institutions which are still offering nursing programmes in line with the old curriculum/legacy qualifications.

Please go to the SANC website at www.sanc.co.za and click on Education and Training Institutions. The Nursing Education and Training Institutions are classified according to provinces for both private and public.

The Nursing Education Institutions that are **accredited to offer the new nursing qualifications** are also published on the SANC website according to provinces and different types of NEIs, namely Universities and Universities of Technology, public Colleges and private Nursing Education Institutions. The SANC also publishes the number of intakes and number of students per intake for the Nursing Education Institutions, once accredited to offer the new nursing qualifications.

Q Which Nursing Education Institutions are accredited for the New Nursing Qualifications in South Africa? How long does it take to accredit a nursing school?

A In terms of section 4 (1) of the Regulations relating to the Accreditation of Institutions as Nursing Education Institutions (Government Notice No. R.173 of 8 March 2013), the person in charge referred to in Regulation 2(1) must apply for accreditation to the Council in writing at least twelve (12) months prior to the intended date of commencement of the course, in a format and at a submission date as determined by the Council. The duration depends on whether the submitted programmes is 100% complete or not. Also taking into consideration that the nursing programme/curriculum must be approved by both the SANC and the CHE.

Q How will the public know when schools are accredited for the New Nursing Qualifications?

A The list of the accredited NEIs are posted on the SANC website, www.sanc.co.za/neis.htm

Q What proof should one ask for or should be displayed at a nursing school to ascertain the accreditation status of the nursing school?

A On successful application, the SANC shall issue the institution with a **certificate of accreditation** indicating the dates and **duration of accreditation** and any other information as determined by the SANC.

An accreditation certificate is only valid for the type of accreditation, date, duration. The name of institution, programme and physical address of the institution as stipulated on the certificate.

Accreditation certificates shall at all times be displayed by the institution at a prominent place accessible to learners/students and the public.

Q When should accredited nursing schools take learners for Nursing Education and Training?

A The accreditation letter stipulates the date when an NEI could commence with the programme.



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