

SANC **DOING AWAY** with **PRINTED APCs!**

The South African Nursing Council is a statutory body that is empowered by the Nursing Act, 2005 (Act No. 33 of 2005) to serve and protect the public in matters involving health services generally and nursing services in particular.

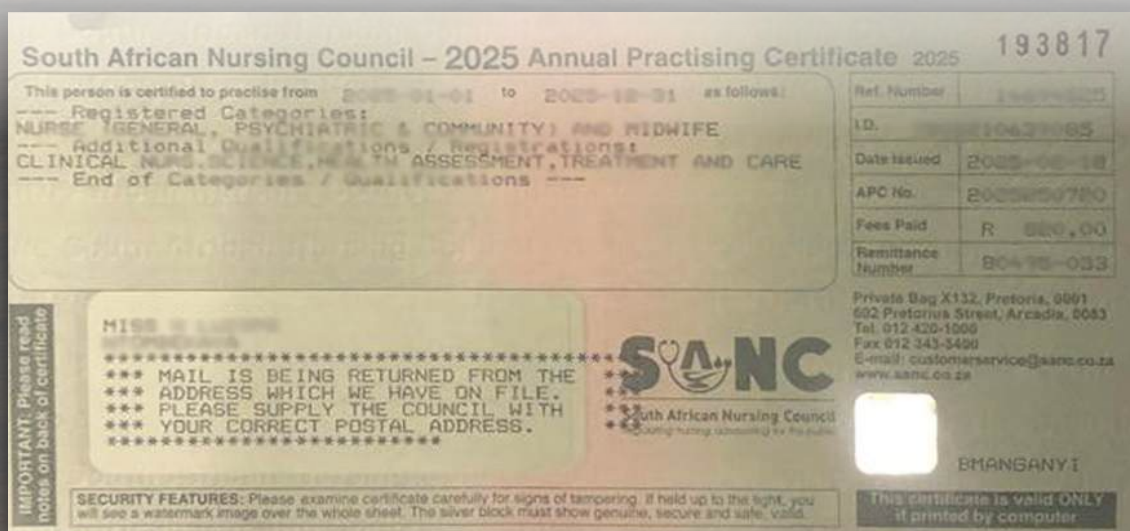
Section 31 (3) of the Act mandates that, *"An employer must not employ or retain in employment a person to perform the functions pertaining to the profession of nursing, other than a person who holds the necessary qualification and who is registered under subsection (1) or (2)."*

Section 36.2 of the Act further states that, *"A certificate of registration is proof of registration for a period of one year after its date and thereafter an annual practising certificate, issued upon payment of the prescribed annual fee and the submission of such information as may be required by the Council to keep accurate statistics on human resources in nursing, is proof of registration in the absence of any credible evidence to the contrary."*

Challenges with South African Post Office (SAPO)

Due to challenges over the years with the delivery of the printed annual practising certificates via the SA Post Office, the Council notified the nursing profession, employers and stakeholders of its intention to discontinue the practice of issuing **printed** annual practicing certificates by issuing Circular 10 of 2024 on 28 August 2024.

**You asked,
we listened:
NO MORE
PRINTED APCS!!!**



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Council resolution, April 2025

During its meeting of 24 - 25 April 2025 the Council then resolved as follows:

- Approval of the introduction of electronic annual practising certificates in a phased approach from July 2025;
- The implementation of the electronic certificates, subsequent to the phased approach (pilot study) to be fully implemented as of July 2026.

The SANC will therefore, from July 2026 send electronic annual practising certificates (APCs) via a link by **EMAIL** to practitioners upon receiving their 2026 annual fee payment. **Printed annual practising certificates will no longer be available, except in exceptional cases as defined during the 2025/26 pilot study.**

This will be preceded by a pilot study from July 2025, where APCs will be emailed to those nurses who already have an active email address, allowing the SANC to monitor the initiative and address areas of concern before July 2026.

Email addresses and cell numbers are key

Up to date email addresses and cell phone numbers are key to this initiative, therefore the SANC will embark on a campaign for nurse practitioners to update their contact details (emails and cell phone numbers) to ensure that nurse practitioners receive their electronic annual practising certificates in time and via email.

Updating email and cell phone number – the process

You are therefore requested to ensure that the SANC receives your latest email address and cell phone number by following the process below:

Step 1: Go to the SANC website: www.sanc.co.za

Step 2: On the Home Page, go to QUICK LINKS (top, right of the page)

Step 3: Click on: DOWNLOADABLE FORMS

Step 4: Select the form: UPDATE OF CONTACT DETAILS FORM

Step 5: Complete the online form

Step 6: Click on: SEND.

Employers requested to assist

We further request, where possible, for employers to assist with creating email accounts and then providing these email addresses for their employees to the SANC.

The use of eRegister for verification of nurse practitioners' registration status

Employers and all stakeholders are urged to use the e-Register for verification instead of requesting nurses to produce printed/hard copies of their APCs: **eRegister link:** www.sanc.co.za/eRegister.aspx

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SANC introducing electronic Annual Practising Certificate (e-APC) from 01 July 2025 as part of the pilot study. From 1 July 2026 all APCs will be sent electronically only, except in exceptional cases as defined during the 2025/26 pilot study.



- **NO MORE QUEUES**, access your e-APC at your convenience.



- **NO MORE TRAVELLING** to the SANC office in Pretoria.



- **UPDATE** your email address and cell phone number on: www.sanc.co.za/updatepd, to receive your e-APC via an email.



- **EMPLOYERS VERIFY THE NURSE'S STATUS** on eRegister: www.sanc.co.za/eRegister.aspx