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## Update: Nurses

The PSA represents 23 000 members in the Public Health and Social Development Sector in Gauteng, with many members in the nursing field. All Nurses are required to register with the South African Nursing Council (SANC) and renew their registrations annually to practice as a Nurse. Performing Nursing duties without a valid registration may lead to a fine or imprisonment in terms of the *Nursing Act*. If a Nurse is found guilty of misconduct by the SANC and is sanctioned with suspension, a Nurse is not allowed to perform Nursing duties for the duration of suspension. If sanctioned with striking off the roll, a Nurse will no longer be allowed to perform Nursing duties.

The PSA is concerned with the growing number of Nurses being charged by the SANC. The SANC is a statutory body responsible for managing professional conduct and ethical behavior for Nursing Professionals. A Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) is responsible for hearing cases and issuing sanctions to Nurses charged by the SANC. These sanctions range between caution, one-year suspension, two-years' suspension, three-years' suspension, and striking off the roll.

Nurses are urged to ensure that they maintain professional and ethical standards at all times. Nurses are also urged to ensure that they keep clean, clear records of patient files at all times.

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