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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (SECTOR MEMBERSHIP) REGULATIONS 2026

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the National Council of Social Service Act 1992, the National Council of Social Service, with the approval of the Minister for Social and Family Development, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the National Council of Social Service (Sector Membership) Regulations 2026 and come into operation on 1 August 2026.

Conditions for appointment or re-appointment as sector member

2.—(1) Any organisation which satisfies all of the following requirements may apply for appointment or re-appointment as a sector member:

- (a) the organisation satisfies the requirement in section 15(3) of the Act;
- (b) the organisation is —
 - (i) registered under the Business Names Registration Act 2014;
 - (ii) registered under the Societies Act 1966;
 - (iii) incorporated under the Companies Act 1967;
 - (iv) the trustee or trustees of a charitable trust registered under the Charities Act 1994; or
 - (v) established by or under any written law;
- (c) the organisation has been carrying on business for a continuous period of at least 2 years;
- (d) the organisation has sufficient financial resources, and has maintained the ability to obtain sufficient financial resources, to maintain its business.

(2) The Council may waive the requirement under paragraph (1)(c) subject to any conditions that the Council thinks fit.

Application for appointment or re-appointment as sector member

3.—(1) An application for appointment or re-appointment as a sector member must be made to the Council in the form and manner required by the Council.

(2) The Council must consider every duly completed application and communicate its decision in writing to the applicant.

(3) The Council may reject an application for appointment or re-appointment as a sector member without giving any reason.

Appointment and re-appointment of organisations as sector members

4.—(1) Where the Council is satisfied that an organisation is suitable for appointment or re-appointment as a sector member, the Council may appoint or re-appoint (as the case may be) that organisation as a sector member under section 15(1) of the Act.

(2) When appointing or re-appointing an organisation as a sector member under section 15(1) of the Act, the Council may specify an expiry date for the appointment.

Nominations by sector members of proposed members of Council

5.—(1) The Chairperson may determine the start date and end date of the period in which sector members may submit nominations of persons for appointment as a member of the Council under section 5(2)(d) of the Act.

(2) After determining the nomination period, the Chairperson must cause the nomination period to be communicated in writing to all sector members.

(3) Sector members may only make nominations during a nomination period.

(4) A sector member may make only one nomination during a given nomination period.

(5) A sector member may only nominate one of the following individuals for appointment as a member of the Council under section 5(2)(d) of the Act:

- (a) a member of the governing body of the sector member;
- (b) where the sector member is the trustee or trustees of a charitable trust, that trustee or one of those trustees, as the case may be;
- (c) a member of a committee established by the sector member;
- (d) an employee of the sector member;

- (e) a person who (whether individually or as part of a body) is entitled to exercise executive functions in relation to the sector member but is not a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d);
 - (f) an individual engaged by the sector member to provide advisory services to the sector member.
- (6) A nomination must be made to the Chairperson in the form and manner required by the Council, and be accompanied by any information that the Council requires for the Minister to decide on the appointment.
- (7) In this regulation —
- “nomination” means a nomination by a sector member of a person for appointment as a member of the Council under section 5(2)(d) of the Act;
- “nomination period” means the period in which sector members may submit nominations determined under paragraph (1).

Obligations of sector members

6. Every sector member must —

- (a) submit a certified copy of its annual report, audited accounts and balance-sheet to the Council within 6 months from the end of its financial year; and
- (b) furnish to the Council such information with respect to its organisation and functions, in such manner and at such times, as the Council may reasonably require.

Resignation from appointment as sector member

7. A sector member may at any time resign as a sector member by giving the Council 3 months’ notice in writing of its intention to do so, or any shorter period that the Council may allow.

Revocation of appointment as sector member

8.—(1) The Council may revoke the appointment of a sector member in the manner provided by this regulation where that sector member —

- (a) ceases to satisfy the requirements of regulation 2(1)(a), (b) or (d);
- (b) fails to comply with regulation 6(a) or (b);
- (c) has aims, objects or activities that are contrary to the public interest, public order or national harmony;
- (d) fails to comply with the standards for the management and administration of, and the provision of social service by, sectors members as prescribed;
- (e) fails to comply with the standards for the cooperation of sector members with the Council as prescribed;
- (f) has been convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty;
- (g) is guilty of improper or dishonourable conduct which makes the sector member unfit to provide, be involved in or directly support the provision of, social service;
- (h) has used or practised any deception, fraud or misrepresentation to promote or procure the appointment of a member of the Council under section 5(2)(d) of the Act, or procure any decision of the Council;
- (i) has mismanaged or misapplied any of its funds or properties;
- (j) has conducted itself in a manner prejudicial to the reputation or interests of the Council or any sector member; or
- (k) fails to take appropriate steps to prevent, or respond to, a relevant event in relation to a key appointment holder of the sector member.

(2) In paragraph (1)(k) —

“key appointment holder”, in relation to a sector member, means —

- (a) a member of the governing body of the sector member;

- (b) where the sector member is the trustee or trustees of a charitable trust, that trustee or one of those trustees, as the case may be; or
- (c) any other individual, by whatever name called, who has general management or supervision of the sector member's business;

“relevant event”, in relation to a key appointment holder of a sector member, means —

- (a) the conviction of the key appointment holder of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty;
- (b) improper or dishonourable conduct on the part of the key appointment holder which makes him or her unfit to provide, be involved in or directly support the provision of, social service;
- (c) the use or practice of any deception, fraud or misrepresentation by the key appointment holder to promote or procure the appointment of a member of the Council under section 5(2)(d) of the Act, or procure any decision of the Council;
- (d) the mismanagement or misapplication by the key appointment holder of any of the sector member's funds or properties; or
- (e) the conduct of the key appointment holder in a manner prejudicial to the reputation or interests of the Council or any sector member.

(3) If the Council intends to revoke the appointment of a sector member under this regulation, the Council must give the sector member written notice of its intention.

(4) A notice given under paragraph (3) must state that, within 21 days of the service thereof, the sector member may make written representations to the Council and the Council must not determine the matter without considering any representation received within that period.

(5) Upon consideration of any representation made under paragraph (4), if the Council revokes the appointment of a sector member, the Council must inform the sector member in writing of the revocation.

Giving written notice

9. In these Regulations, where the Council or Chairperson is required to give a sector member written notice or inform a sector member in writing, the Council or Chairperson (as the case may be) may do so by post, delivery or electronic communication.

Revocation

10. Revoke the National Council of Social Service (Membership and Fees) Regulations (Rg 3).

Made on 31 July 2026.

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