



# Technical Diploma in Social Sciences

## INTRODUCTION

The Society adopts a strong international role in all its activities, with offices or representatives in many nations, actively serving the needs of local communities, organising the SBP Diplomas and other examinations and developing essential working relationships with government departments, educational establishments, professional institutes and employers, and encouraging the development of skills and practice, in a spirit of international co-operation.

It is in this spirit that a number of Colleges have approached the Society for specialised and specific qualifications for their own country's requirements. The following Syllabus has been evaluated by SBP and the Course is conducted by the YMCA Youth Development, Zambia.

The Society relies on each school or college to engage qualified tutors and lecturers who are able to cover initial evaluation and assessment within the framework of the syllabus content. As each individual school or college is required to endorse the candidates' work and to confirm their competency, only approved centres will be permitted to offer programmes. All schools, colleges, and study centres must apply for approval from the Society prior to conducting any courses.

## Mode of Study

Full-time, Part-Time, Day Release, Distance Learning

## **Methods of Assessment**

- Written examinations
- Time allowed: 3 hours
- Pass mark to be achieved - 50%
- Examination Papers are composed of 7 questions of which 5 must be answered

## **Examination Dates (Annual)**

March  
June  
December

## **Eligibility**

The minimum requirement is 5 GCE "O" Levels at Grade C or better. Mature age entry route will allow candidates who are more than 23 years with a recommendation letter from their employers as evidence that they have at least two years working experience

## **Professional Recognition**

Graduates of the DSS can become members of the British Association of Social Workers or International Association for Community Development or Social Policy Association.

## Syllabus Structure

The Diploma has a modular design for convenience of study to enable a smooth progression to the Graduate Diploma. Each module covers 3 subject areas:

### **MODULE A Subjects:**

- Introduction to Social Sciences *or* Social Welfare
- Social Research Methods
- Interpersonal & Writing Skills

### **MODULE B Subjects:**

- Social Work Theory & Practice *or* Social Care
- Developmental & Social Psychology
- Gender Studies

### **MODULE C Subjects:**

- Sociology (1)
- Public Policy
- Socio-Legal Studies

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## MODULE A

### **Paper 1: Introduction to Social Sciences** (*option 1 subject*)

- Social Sciences & everyday life
- Major Social Science disciplines (Summary only: Anthropology; Sociology; Economics; Political Studies; Psychology; Law)
- Global Issues & social sciences

### **Paper 2: Social Welfare** (*option 2 subject*)

- Social problems
- Poverty and welfare
- Unemployment & Social Services
- Education, health & Community services
- Public policy fundamentals

### **Paper 2: Social Research Methods**

- Meaning of Science
- Functions of Hypothesis
- Social research & research design
- Selection & formulation of research problems
- Collection & analysis of data

### **Paper 3: Interpersonal & Writing Skills**

- Principles & obstacles of communication
- Interpersonal communication
- Presentation skills
- Group & team communication
- Formal & informal meetings
- Writing skills (Letters; Essays; Reports; Minutes; Project proposals etc)

## MODULE B

### **Paper 4: Social Work Theory & Practice** (*option 1 subject*)

- The meaning & the functions of Social Work
- The Social Work methodology
- Leadership & diversity
- Social Work Theory & Social problems
- Social Work with the Family

### **Paper 4: Social Care** (*option 2 subject*)

- Principles of Health & Social Care
- First Aid Skills (Theory & Practice)
- Rights of the Children & Women
- Children & Women at Risk (vulnerable people)
- Public & Voluntary organisations dealing with the vulnerable
- Law & discrimination

### **Paper 5: Developmental & Social Psychology**

- Defining Development & Social Psychology
- Infancy stage & development
- Early childhood: adolescence; adulthood stage of development
- Social Psychology (social influence; interpersonal attractions; Theory of attitude)

### **Paper 6: Gender Studies**

- Definition & concepts of gender
- Gender inequality
- The Feminist Movement
- Gender analysis
- Feminist intervention in Social Sciences

## MODULE C

### **Paper 7: Sociology (1)**

- Social structures & Social Needs
- The stratification of society
- Poverty & unemployment
- Social Change
- Research in Sociology

### **Paper 8: Public Policy**

- History & Role of Public Policy
- Political institutions (Commonwealth practice)
- Interest Groups
- Policy implementation & regulation
- Policy evaluation & Analysis
- Globalisation vs. National Policy

### **Paper 9: Socio-Legal Studies**

- Nature & development of the English Legal System
- Courts of Law (adapted to local scenarios)
- Human Rights issues and conventions
- Legal context on Marriage; Divorce; Adoption; Youth justice & probation
- Sexual offences

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