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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

No. R. 672

9 September 2013

NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT NO.12 OF 2013)

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE OFFICE OF HEALTH STANDARDS COMPLIANCE

The Honourable Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, hereby invites nominations of suitable candidates to be considered for appointment to the Board of the Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC) for a three (3) year term of office.

The nominated candidates should have proven experience in or applicable knowledge of matters connected with the functions of the OHSC and of whom:

- (a) One nominee should have knowledge of the law;
- (b) One nominee should have knowledge of economics and financial matters or accounting;
- (c) One nominee should have knowledge of the private healthcare sector;
- (d) One nominee should have knowledge of public healthcare and public administration;
- (e) One nominee should have knowledge of quality assurance;
- (f) One nominee should be a representative from organised labour; and
- (g) One nominee should be a representative from civil society or the community

The OHSC, has been established in terms of the National Health Amendment Act, 2013 (Act No. 12 of 2013), herein referred to as the Act, to regulate compliance with norms and standards by health establishments. Detailed functions of the Office are set out in section 79(1) of the Act. The objects of the OHSC are to protect and promote the health and safety of users and health services by:

- (a) Monitoring and enforcing compliance by health establishments with norms and standards prescribed by the Minister in relation to the National health system; and
- (b) Ensuring consideration, investigation and disposal of complaints relating to non-compliance with prescribed norms and standards in a procedurally fair, economical and expeditious manner.

Section 79A of the Act provides that the OHSC functions under the control of the Board which shall, subject to the provisions of the Act, determine policy of the Office; do the necessary planning in connection with the functions of the Office and perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Act.

Qualifications: Nominated persons should possess the relevant qualifications, skills and expertise in the category in which they are nominated. Candidates who have leadership qualities, who are visionaries with the ability to develop and implement strategies consistent with the developmental health agenda of the Government and who are committed to the principles of good corporate governance and who have knowledge of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), are encouraged to apply.

Remuneration: Remuneration for Board meetings is set at the level prescribed by the National Treasury. Members of the Board will not serve in full-time capacity and it is envisaged that the Board will meet on quarterly basis. Persons in full-time employment of the State will not be remunerated for their service as members of the OHSC Board.

Disqualification: A person may not be appointed as a member of the Board if he or she:

- (a) is not a South African citizen and ordinarily resident in the Republic;
- (b) is an unrehabilitated insolvent;
- (c) has at any time been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty whether in the Republic or elsewhere, and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine;
- (d) has been removed from an Office of trust;
- (e) is otherwise disqualified from serving as a member of a Board in terms of the Companies Act, 1973 (Act No. 71 of 2008); or
- (f) has or acquires an interest in a business or enterprise, which may conflict or interfere with the proper performance of the duties of a member of the Board.

Nomination particulars: Nominations must be made on a prescribed nomination form obtainable from the Department of Health website at www.doh.gov.za. A comprehensive CV of the nominee should be attached, including certified copies of academic qualifications and supporting information.

Closing date for nominations: Nominations must be addressed and submitted to the Director-General, Department of Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 and marked for the attention of the Director: Public Entities Governance, Ms Mihloti Mushwana, by no later than 04 October 2013. Nominations may also be submitted via email at Mushwm@health.gov.za. Enquiries may be directed to: Ms Mihloti Mushwana at 012 395 8753 or Ms Annah Mokgadinyane at 012 395 9653.

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