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Notice submission deadlines

Government Printing Works has over the last few months implemented rules for completing and submitting the electronic Adobe Forms when you, the customer, submit your notice request.

In line with these business rules, GPW has revised the notice submission deadlines for all gazettes. Please refer to the GPW website www.gpwonline.co.za to familiarise yourself with the new deadlines.

CANCELLATIONS

Don't forget!

Cancellation of notice submissions are accepted by GPW according to the deadlines stated in the table above.

Non-compliance to these deadlines will result in your request being failed. **Please pay special attention to the different deadlines for each gazette.**

Please note that any notices cancelled after the cancellation deadline will be published and charged at full cost.

Requests for cancellation must be sent by the original sender of the notice and must be accompanied by the relevant notice reference number (N-) in the email body.

AMENDMENTS TO NOTICES

take note!

With effect from 01 October, GPW will not longer accept amendments to notices. The cancellation process will need to be followed and a new notice submitted thereafter for the next available publication date.

CUSTOMER INQUIRIES



Many of our customers request immediate feedback/confirmation of notice placement in the gazette from our Contact Centre once they have submitted their notice – While GPW deems it one of their highest priorities and responsibilities to provide customers with this requested feedback and the best service at all times, we are only able to do so once we have started processing your notice submission.

GPW has a **2-working day turnaround time for processing notices** received according to the business rules and deadline submissions.

Please keep this in mind when making inquiries about your notice submission at the Contact Centre.

PROOF OF PAYMENTS



GPW reminds you that all notice submissions **MUST** be submitted with an accompanying proof of payment (PoP) or purchase order (PO). If any PoP's or PO's are received without a notice submission, it will be failed and your notice will not be processed.

When submitting your notice request to submit.egazette@gpw.gov.za, please ensure that a purchase order (GPW Account customer) or proof of payment (non-GPW Account customer) is included with your notice submission. All documentation relating to the notice submission must be in a single email.

A reminder that documents must be attached separately in your email to GPW. (In other words, your email should have an Adobe Form plus proof of payment/purchase order – 2 separate attachments – where notice content is applicable, it should also be a 3rd separate attachment).

REMINDER OF THE GPW BUSINESS RULES

- Single notice, single email – with proof of payment or purchase order.
- All documents must be attached separately in your email to GPW.
- 1 notice = 1 form, i.e. each notice must be on a separate form
- Please submit your notice **ONLY ONCE**.
- Requests for information, quotations and inquiries must be sent to the Contact Centre **ONLY**.
- The notice information that you send us on the form is what we publish. Please do not put any instructions in the email body.

DISCLAIMER:

Government Printing Works reserves the right to apply the 25% discount to all Legal and Liquor notices that comply with the business rules for notice submissions for publication in gazettes.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NO. 153

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MEDICINES AND RELATED SUBSTANCES ACT, (101 OF 1965 AS AMENDED)**REGULATIONS RELATING TO A TRANSPARENT PRICING SYSTEM FOR
MEDICINES AND SCHEDULED SUBSTANCES: DISPENSING FEE FOR
PHARMACISTS**

The Minister of Health has, on recommendation of the Pricing Committee, in terms of Section 22G (2) (b) of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, (No. 101 of 1965 as amended), made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE**Definitions**

1. In this schedule, "the Act" means the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965) and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have such meaning, unless the context indicates otherwise-

"**dispense**" means the supply of medicines based on a prescription to a patient or someone on behalf of the patient by a health professional authorized by law to supply medicines and includes-

- (a) the interpretation and evaluation of the prescription;
- (b) the selection, reconstitution, dilution, labelling, recording and the actual supply of the medicine;

- (c) the provision of information and instructions to ensure safe and effective use of a medicine by a patient; and
- (d) the provision of information as contemplated in section 22F (1)(a) of the Act.

“**dispensing fee**” means a fee determined in terms of these regulations, exclusive of Value Added Tax, that may be charged to dispense a medicine; and

“**the Regulations**” means the Regulations Relating to the Transparent Pricing System for Medicine and Scheduled Substances published in terms of Government Notice No. R1102 of November 2005, as amended.

Amendment of Regulation 10

2. The following regulation is hereby substituted for Regulation 10 of the Regulations:

“10. (1) The appropriate dispensing fee as contemplated in Section 22G (2) (b) of the Act to be charged by a pharmacist, must be calculated as follows:


- (a) where the single exit price of a medicine or scheduled substance is less than ninety rand (R90.00), the dispensing fee shall not exceed R7.65), plus 46 % of the single exit price in respect of that medicine or scheduled substance;
- (b) where the single exit price of a medicine or scheduled substance is greater than or equal to ninety rand (R90.00) but less than two hundred and forty rand and six cents (R240.06), the dispensing fee shall not exceed R19.50 plus 33% of the single exit price in respect of that medicine or scheduled substance;

- (c) where the single exit price of a medicine or scheduled substance is greater than or equal to two hundred and forty rand and six cents (R240.06) but less than eight hundred and forty rand and twenty three cents (R840.23), the dispensing fee shall not exceed R64.80 plus 15 % of the Single Exit Price in respect of that medicine or scheduled substance;
- (d) where the single exit price of a medicine or scheduled substance is greater than or equal to eight hundred and forty rand and twenty three cents (R840.23), the dispensing fee shall not exceed R154.00 plus 5% of the Single Exit Price in respect of that medicine or scheduled substance.

This fee which is exclusive of VAT represents a maximum dispensing fee and doesn't preclude dispensers from charging a lower fee to be added to the SEP of a medicine or scheduled substance thus resulting in a final price to be paid by the consumer.

- (2) The provision of sub-regulation (1) must be reviewed annually by the Minister after taking into account-
 - (a) the need to ensure the availability and affordability of quality medicines and scheduled substances in the Republic;
 - (b) annual inflation rates published periodically by Statistics South Africa;
 - (c) information supplied by pharmacists in accordance with guidelines determined by the Minister from time to time by Notice in the Gazette; and
 - (d) any other information the Minister may deem necessary to consider.

- (3) A pharmacist dispensing a medicine must-
- (a) by means of a clearly displayed notice in the pharmacy, inform members of the public of the maximum fee structure used by such pharmacist to determine the dispensing fee; and
 - (b) provide an invoice in respect of each medicine which clearly indicates the-
 - (i) dispensing fee charged; and
 - (ii) single exit price.



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