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BOARD NOTICES • RAADSKENNISGEWINGS

BOARD NOTICE 193 OF 2016**THE SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACY COUNCIL****RULES RELATING TO GOOD PHARMACY PRACTICE**

The South African Pharmacy Council herewith publishes amendments for implementation to the minimum standards as contained in Annexure A of the *Rules relating to good pharmacy practice* which was published on 17 December 2004 Government Gazette No: 27112, in Board Notice 129 of 2004 (as amended) in terms of Section 35A(b)(ii) of the Pharmacy Act, 53 of 1974.

SCHEDULE**Rules relating to what constitutes good pharmacy practice**

1. In these rules “the Act” shall mean the Pharmacy Act, 53 of 1974, as amended, and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning.
2. The following rules to Annexure A of the *Rules relating to good pharmacy practice* in are hereby amended –
 - (a) Rule 1.4;
 - (b) Rule 1.5;
 - (c) Rule 2.3.5.5(i);
 - (d) Rule 2.13.5.
3. The following rule to Annexure A of the *Rules relating to good pharmacy practice* is hereby added:
 - (a) Minimum standard for Institutional Public Pharmacies operating a Remote Automated Dispensing Unit.



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BOARD NOTICE 194 OF 2016**THE SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACY COUNCIL****RULES RELATING TO GOOD PHARMACY PRACTICE**

The South African Pharmacy Council intends to publish amendments and additional minimum standards to be added to Annexure A of the *Rules relating to good pharmacy practice* which was published on the 17 December 2004 Government Gazette No: 27112 in Board Notice 129 of 2004, in terms of section 35A(b)(ii) of the Pharmacy Act 53 of 1974.

Interested parties are invited to submit, within 90 days of publication of this notice, substantiated comments on or representation regarding the amendments to the existing minimum standards and/or the additional minimum standards. Comments must be addressed to the Registrar, the South African Pharmacy Council, Private Bag 40040, Arcadia, or fax (012)326-1496 or email BN@sapc.za.org.

SCHEDULE**Rules relating to what constitutes good pharmacy practice**

1. In these rules "the Act" shall mean the Pharmacy Act, 53 of 1974, as amended, and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning.
2. The following minimum standard as published herewith shall constitute an additional standard to be added to Annexure A of the *Rules relating to good pharmacy practice* in accordance with section 35A(b)(ii) of the Act –
 - (a) Minimum standards for the selling of HIV screening test kits.



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MINIMUM STANDARD FOR THE SELLING OF HIV SCREENING TEST KITS

1. Purpose

In April 2010, South Africa launched an HIV Counselling and Testing (HCT) campaign that, among other things, sought to increase the number of people who test, know their HIV status and receive treatment. This is in line with the goals laid out in the country's National Strategic Plan (NSP) for HIV, Sexually Transmitted Infections and Tuberculosis, which aims to significantly reduce the number of new infections and expand access to appropriate treatment, care and support to people diagnosed with HIV.

The minimum standard for the selling of HIV screening test kits aims to provide guidance on how the pertinent issues and concerns relating to HIV home testing should be addressed. These pertinent issues and concerns are the reliability of testing instrument, consent and counselling-related concerns.

2. General Considerations

Pharmacist must only sell HIV test kits for screening which have been approved by WHO or such suitable authority.

3. Pre-test Counselling

Buying a HIV home test kit is deemed to be consenting to testing. Individuals using the tests, however, may not have considered their options and the consequences of the result. Since the person will be performing the test him/herself, access to counselling shall be available to:

- (i) prepare the person for the result of the test;
- (ii) inform the patient that the self-test should not be taken as a conclusive diagnosis; and
- (iii) inform the patient that the diagnosis of HIV infection is dependent on a confirmatory test.

4. Knowledge

- (a) Pharmacists must ensure that they have adequate knowledge on all aspects of HIV screening kits as well as have the ability to demonstrate the use of the test kit to patients as the need arises;
- (b) the pharmacists must be able to provide the caregiver/patient with information on:
 - (i) how to conduct the test;
 - (ii) how to correctly interpret the test results; and
 - (iii) where to access follow-up and support services in the surrounding area.

BOARD NOTICE 195 OF 2016**THE SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACY COUNCIL****APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

It is hereby notified that the following persons were appointed in terms of section 5(1) of the Pharmacy Act, 1974 (Act no 53 of 1974), as amended, (the "Act") to serve on the South African Pharmacy Council for the five year period **1 January 2014 – 31 December 2018**.

1. Persons appointed in terms of section 5(1)(b) of the Act

HERBERT, Josephine Winley (Northern Cape)

2. Persons appointed in terms of section 5(1)(e) of the Act

SHAIK-PEREMANOV, Nazreen (Adv) Dr



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BOARD NOTICE 196 OF 2016

THE SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACY COUNCIL

QUALIFICATION FOR PHARMACY SUPPORT PERSONNEL

DIPLOMA: PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

The South African government, through both the introduction of National Health Insurance (NHI) and Operation Phakisa, has directed focus on the provision of health care at the primary health care (PHC) level. The re-engineering of the PHC platform is one of the key health reforms that is being implemented as part of the introduction of NHI in South Africa. This includes the optimisation of the delivery of pharmaceutical services at the PHC level. Delivery of pharmaceutical services at this level are provided by the Pharmacy Technician.

Employers in the pharmacy sector will gain access to suitably qualified Pharmacy Technicians to produce high-quality work in accordance with the scope of practice for a Pharmacy Technician. By creating career pathways in the sector, employees will be able to progress into pathways in the life sciences field. In addition, this qualification will create employment opportunities for the learners.

Learners exiting with the Pharmacy Technician qualification will be able to assist with:

- medicine supply management
- manufacture of medicines
- dispensing (supplying) of medicine to patients
- providing patient care
- managing pharmacy resources
- applying health and safety regulations and relevant medical and pharmaceutical law and ethics in the performance of their pharmaceutical duties, and
- housekeeping and administration relative to pharmaceutical services.

In light of the above, the South African Pharmacy Council hereby publishes for comment the Pharmacy Technician qualification **residing in the HET sub-framework**.

Interested parties are invited to submit, within 90 days of publication of this notice, substantiated comments on or representation regarding the proposed qualification. Comments must be addressed to the Registrar, the South African Pharmacy Council, Private Bag 40040, Arcadia, or fax (012)326-1496 or email BN@sapc.za.org.



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BOARD NOTICE 197 OF 2016**THE SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACY COUNCIL****NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 45(2) OF THE PHARMACY ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 53 OF 1974)**

Particulars of the following persons found guilty of unprofessional conduct by the South African Pharmacy Council after due inquiry into their conduct, are published for general information.



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BOARD NOTICE 198 OF 2016**SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACY COUNCIL****QUALIFICATION FOR PHARMACY SUPPORT PERSONNEL****OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE: PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**

The revised qualifications for pharmacist's assistants were to end on 30 June 2015 for the National Certificate: Pharmacist Assistance and 30 June 2016 for the Further Education and Training Certificate: Pharmacist Assistance. The Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) extended these qualifications to 30 June 2018 and the teach-out period is until 30 June 2021, in order to allow the development of the new qualifications in the QCTO sub-framework.

In July 2015, Council resolved that the new qualification for the pharmacy support personnel in the QCTO sub-framework consists of part-qualifications, i.e. pharmacist's assistant basic and pharmacist's assistant post-basic, which must lead to the pharmacy technician (PT) qualification. The task team appointed by Council to draft the qualification for the pharmacy support personnel, together with the Health and Welfare SETA and the QCTO, drafted the PT qualification in the QCTO sub-framework. The qualification was approved by Council on 11/12 May 2016 for wider consultation.

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In light of the above, the South African Pharmacy Council hereby publishes for comment the Pharmacy Technician qualification in the QCTO format. Included in this publication is the following:

- (a) Occupational Qualification Document;
- (b) External Assessment Specifications Document; and
- (c) Curriculum Document: Pharmacy Technician

Interested parties are invited to submit, within 90 days of publication of this notice, substantiated comments on or representation regarding the proposed qualification. Comments must be addressed to the Registrar, the South African Pharmacy Council, Private Bag 40040, Arcadia, or fax (012)326-1496 or email BN@sapc.za.org.



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