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BOARD NOTICES • RAADSKENNISGEWINGS

BOARD NOTICE 955 OF 2026

SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACY COUNCIL

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACY COUNCIL

The South African Pharmacy Council intends to publish the **CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL** in order to provide for the requirements and application procedure to be followed by a person who intends to apply for a certificate of good standing after a Committee of Formal Inquiry sanction made in terms of Section 45(1) of the Pharmacy Act.

Interested parties are invited to submit, within **thirty (30) days** of publication of this notice, substantiated comments on or representations regarding the proposed **CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACY COUNCIL**. Comments must be addressed to the Registrar of the South African Pharmacy Council, by way of email BN@sapc.za.org (for the attention of the Company Secretary and Legal Services).

SCHEDULE

1. **CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING WITH COUNCIL**



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SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACY COUNCIL

CRITERIA FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A TUTOR

The South African Pharmacy Council hereby publishes, in terms of Regulation 35 of the *Regulations relating to pharmacy education and training* (as amended), the **CRITERIA FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A TUTOR**.

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CRITERIA FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A TUTOR

1. DEFINITIONS

"Act" means the Pharmacy Act, 53 of 1974.

"Continuing Professional Development" means the process by which persons registered under this Act maintain and enhance their competence throughout their professional careers and encompasses a range of activities including continuing education and supplementary training.

"Council" means the South African Pharmacy Council.

"In-service training" means the training undertaken by a Pharmacist's Assistant (Learner Basic) or Pharmacist's Assistant (Learner Post-Basic) under the direct personal supervision of a tutor at a pharmacy approved by Council for purposes of such training.

"Internship" means the practical training undertaken by a Pharmacist Intern in terms of a contract under the direct personal supervision of a tutor in a pharmacy approved by Council for purposes of such training or at an institution registered as a provider of a qualification in pharmacy.

"Non-practising" means the designation on the applicable register indicating that the registered person is currently not providing one or more of the services, or performing one or more of the acts, pertaining to the scope of practice of the category in which he or she is registered, or does not intend to provide such services or perform such acts.

"Pharmacist's Assistant" means a natural person registered in one of the following categories:

(a) Pharmacist's Assistant (Learner Basic);

(b) Pharmacist's Assistant (Basic);

(c) Pharmacist's Assistant (Learner Post-Basic);

(d) Pharmacist's Assistant (Post-Basic);

(e) Pharmacy Technician (Learner);

(f) Pharmacy Technician (Student);

(g) Pharmacy Technician (Trainee);

(h) Pharmacy Technician; or

(i) Pharmacy Student;

which constitute the various categories of Pharmacy Support Personnel registered as such in terms of the Act.

"Pharmacist Intern" means a person registered as such and who is undergoing an internship.

"Practising" means the designation on the applicable register indicating that the registered person is currently providing one or more of the services, or performing one or more of the acts, pertaining to the scope of practice of the category in which he or she is registered, or intends to provide such services or perform such acts.

"Tutor" means a pharmacist registered with Council as a tutor, to supervise the internship of a Pharmacist Intern, the traineeship of a Pharmacy Technician (Trainee) or the in-service training of a Pharmacist's Assistant (Learner Basic) or Pharmacist's Assistant (Learner Post-Basic).

"Traineeship" means practical training, as determined by Council from time to time, undertaken by a Pharmacy Technician (Trainee) in terms of a contract, under the direct personal supervision of a tutor in a pharmacy approved by Council for the purpose of such training.

2. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

The *Regulations relating to the registration of persons and the maintenance of registers: Amendment regulations,* 2024, were published for implementation in Government Gazette No. 50528 on 19 April 2024. Subsequently, on 07 June 2024, the *Regulations relating to pharmacy education and training: Amendment regulations,* 2024*,* were published for implementation in Government Gazette No. 50766 to include a tutor in the category of persons who must be registered with Council.

3. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

(a) Pharmacy Act, 53 of 1974;

(b) *Regulations relating to pharmacy education and training* (GNR. 1156 of 20 November 2000) as amended*;*

(c) *Regulations relating to the practice of pharmacy* (GNR. 1158 of 20 November 2000) as amended;

(d) *Regulations relating to the registration of persons and the maintenance of registers* (GNR. 1160 of 20 November 2000) as amended; and

(e) *Regulations relating to continuing professional development* (GNR. 668, published on 17 May 2019).

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A TUTOR, INCLUDING CONTINUED REGISTRATION

A pharmacist who wishes to register as a tutor must:

(a) have a minimum of one (1) year post-registration experience (which includes pharmaceutical community service) to act as a tutor for Pharmacist's Assistants (Learners);

(b) have a minimum of two (2) years post-registration experience (which includes the performance of pharmaceutical community service) to act as a tutor of a Pharmacy Technician (Learner);

(c) have a minimum of three (3) years post-registration experience (which includes the performance of pharmaceutical community service) to act as a tutor of a Pharmacist Intern;

(d) be registered with Council and be designated as a practising pharmacist in terms of the *Regulations relating to Continuing Professional Development*; and

(e) be required to comply with the conditions of registration to remain on the register of tutors.

5. CRITERIA FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A TUTOR

Council shall apply the following criteria for the registration of a tutor. A pharmacist must:

(a) submit a duly completed application on a form as approved and provided by Council;

(b) pay the tutor registration fee as determined by Council; and

(c) pay the annual tutor fee as determined by Council.

A pharmacist who complies with the tutor registration requirements will be registered as a tutor.

6. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS WHEN TUTORING

(a) Internship, traineeship and in-service training may only be undertaken at a facility approved by Council.

(b) A pharmacist, when acting in their capacity as a tutor, may only conduct training in an approved facility.

(c) A tutor must practise full-time at the facility where internship, traineeship and in-service training will take place.

(d) A tutor must at all times inform Council of the facility where they are practising.

(e) At the point of the application for premises approval, the Responsible Pharmacist of such pharmacy must notify Council of all registered tutors in their pharmacy.

(f) At the point of the appointment of a registered tutor and/or the resignation thereof, the Responsible Pharmacist must notify Council.

7. TRANSITIONAL PROCEDURE

(a) All approved tutors as at 31 May 2025 will be converted to registered tutors and issued with a digital tutor registration certificate with no expiry date.

(b) Tutors who are registered in terms of Paragraph 7(a) above will remain linked to the pharmacy premises, Pharmacist Interns and/or learners until such time as the tutor terminates the relationship with either the premises or the intern/learner.

(c) All tutors registered in terms of Paragraph 7(a) will be required to comply with the conditions of registration to remain on the register of tutors.

(d) At the point of the implementation of this criteria document, all new applicants for tutor registration will be required to apply for registration as a tutor in accordance with the criteria contained herein.

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