

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF PHARMACEUTICAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Minister of Health has, in consultation with the South African Pharmacy Council, in terms of section 14 and 14A of the Pharmacy Act, 1974 (Act No. 53 of 1974), as amended, made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates

"Act" means the Pharmacy Act, 1974 (Act No. 53 of 1974), and regulations;

"pharmaceutical community service" means the provision of services or the performance of one or more or all of the acts forming part of the scope of practice of a -pharmacist in a public health facility or a complex of health facilities in accordance with these regulations;

"registrar" means the registrar of the South African Pharmacy Council

Commencement

2. The Minister shall, by notice in the Government Gazette, determine the date on which these regulations and pharmaceutical community service for pharmacists shall commence.

Places where pharmaceutical community service is to be performed and conditions of service

3. A person who wants to perform pharmaceutical community service must apply for a post in a public health facility or a complex of health facilities appearing on a list of facilities approved for pharmaceutical community service and published by the Minister in the Government Gazette.

4. The Minister may, after consultation with a Member of the Executive Council responsible for health in a Province, make a final decision with regard to the place where a person contemplated in regulation 3 shall perform pharmaceutical community service.

5. The conditions of service applicable to the public service shall, unless otherwise provided for in these regulations, apply to pharmacists performing pharmaceutical community service.

Registration of a person for purposes of performing pharmaceutical community service

6. A person contemplated in regulation 3 must:

(1) notify the registrar in writing as soon as he or she has been appointed by the relevant health authority to perform pharmaceutical community service of the name of the public health facility or complex of health facilities where he or she has been placed to perform pharmaceutical community service and the date on which he or she will assume duty at such facility; and

(2) apply for registration as a pharmacist in accordance with the

requirements of the Regulations Relating to the Registration of Persons and the Maintenance of Registers.

Interruption of period of pharmaceutical community service

7. If a period of pharmaceutical community service is interrupted, such period must consist of periods which, when added together, including approved periods of leave, are not less than one calendar year in total: Provided that pharmaceutical community service must be completed within a period of two years from the date of commencement of such service.

8. The period of pharmaceutical community service already served shall lapse if community service is not completed within a period of two years from the date of commencement of such service.

Report on completion

9. On completion of pharmaceutical community service by a pharmacist, the relevant health authority must furnish the South African Pharmacy Council and the National Department of Health with a report that such person has satisfactorily completed pharmaceutical community service in terms of the Act.

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