

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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PHARMACY ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 53 OF 1974)

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY: AMENDMENT, 2025

The Minister of Health intends, in consultation with the South African Pharmacy Council, in terms of section 49(1)(a) read with section 35A of the Pharmacy Act, 1974 (Act No. 53 of 1974), to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit substantiated comments or representations in writing on the proposed Regulations, to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Public Entities Governance, Ms M Mushwana, MushwM@health.gov.za and Godfrey.tsebe@health.gov.za), within three months of the date of publication of this Notice.



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MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE:

10/6/2025

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act has the meaning so assigned and, unless the context otherwise indicates—
“Regulations” means the Regulations Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy, published under Government Notice No. R.1158 of 20 November 2000.

Amendment of regulation 14 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 14 is hereby amended by substitution of regulation 14 for the following:

“Supervision of pharmacy support personnel and pharmacist interns

14. (1) A pharmacist in a community or institutional pharmacy may have a maximum of three pharmacy support personnel under his or her direct supervision, provided that a pharmacist who is a tutor to a pharmacist intern or a pharmacy technician (trainee) may have a maximum of two pharmacy support personnel under his or her supervision.

(2) A pharmacist in wholesaler or manufacturing pharmacy may have a maximum of five pharmacy support personnel under his or her direct supervision, Provided that –

- (a) a pharmacist has no more than three pharmacist’s assistants (learner basic), pharmacist’s assistants (learner post-basic), pharmacy technician (learner), or pharmacy technicians (trainee) under direct personal supervision; and
- (b) a pharmacist who is a tutor to a pharmacist intern may have a maximum of four pharmacy support personnel under his or her supervision, of which only two

may be pharmacist's assistants (learner basic), pharmacist's assistants (learner post-basic), pharmacy technicians (learner), or pharmacy technicians (trainee).

(3) A pharmacist who is a tutor to a pharmacist intern undergoing internship at a provider of an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist, may act as tutor to a maximum of five such interns and no pharmacy support personnel.

(4) A pharmacist who supervises pharmacist's assistants (post-basic) or Pharmacy Technicians at a Primary Health Care centre or any other facility approved by Council may have a maximum of five pharmacy support personnel under his or her indirect supervision.

(5) A pharmacist may supervise a combination of pharmacy support personnel and interns in accordance with sub-regulations (1) and (2) or in accordance with guidelines as provided by council from time to time.”.

Short Title

3. These Regulations are called Regulations Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy: Amendment, 2025.