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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BOARD NOTICE 879 OF 2026

SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACY COUNCIL

RULES RELATING TO GOOD PHARMACY PRACTICE

The South African Pharmacy Council intends to publish amendments to **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, in terms of Section 35A(b)(ii) of the Pharmacy Act, 53 of 1974.

Interested parties are invited to submit, within **sixty (60) days** of publication of this notice, substantiated comments on or representation regarding the amended minimum standards. Comments must be addressed to the Registrar, for the attention of the Company Secretary, via email, at: BN@sapc.za.org.

SCHEDULE

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 rule in Annexure A of the *Rules relating to Good Pharmacy Practice* is hereby amended to include –
 - (a) **Minimum Standard for Consultant Pharmacies.**



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MINIMUM STANDARD FOR CONSULTANT PHARMACIES

1. Definition and Scope

A Consultant Pharmacy is a non-dispensing pharmacy that offers professional pharmaceutical services, such as patient medicine reviews, health promotion, regulatory consulting, and research. A Consultant Pharmacy is not involved in the sale of medicines and/or medical devices.

2. Preparation of Premises

Although Consultant Pharmacies may offer website or mobile services and operate from the pharmacy premises:

- (a) they must meet Council's minimum standards (e.g., a professional, secure, and private consultation space);
- (b) they shall comply with Occupational Health and Safety requirements; and
- (c) the pharmacy premises will be inspected in accordance with the inspection schedule.

3. Licence Approval and Recording

The required documents shall include:

- (a) A professionally drawn floor plan;
- (b) Site Plan;
- (c) Description of the services to be offered;
- (d) Business registration documents;
- (e) Details of the responsible pharmacist; and
- (f) Payment of the prescribed fee.

4. Floor Plan

The following information must be clearly indicated in the submitted copy of the professionally drawn floor plan, indicating the actual layout of the Consultant Pharmacy premises, drawn to scale with exact measurements:

CRITERIA	Yes	No
1. The size of the premises		
2. All entrances and exits of the pharmacy		
3. All entrances to the enclosed areas in the pharmacy (e.g., admin office, manager's office)		
4. A separate facility for washing hands		
5. Sufficient and adequate lighting		
6. A suitable waiting area (where applicable)		
7. A suitable separate private room for private consultation of patients (where applicable)		
8. A suitable consultation area for the provision of screening and monitoring tests (where applicable)		

9.	An area for the storage of documents		
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NB: Every floor plan will be evaluated in line with the services the Consultant Pharmacy intends to offer, in accordance with Regulation 19 of the *Regulations relating to the practice of pharmacy*.