



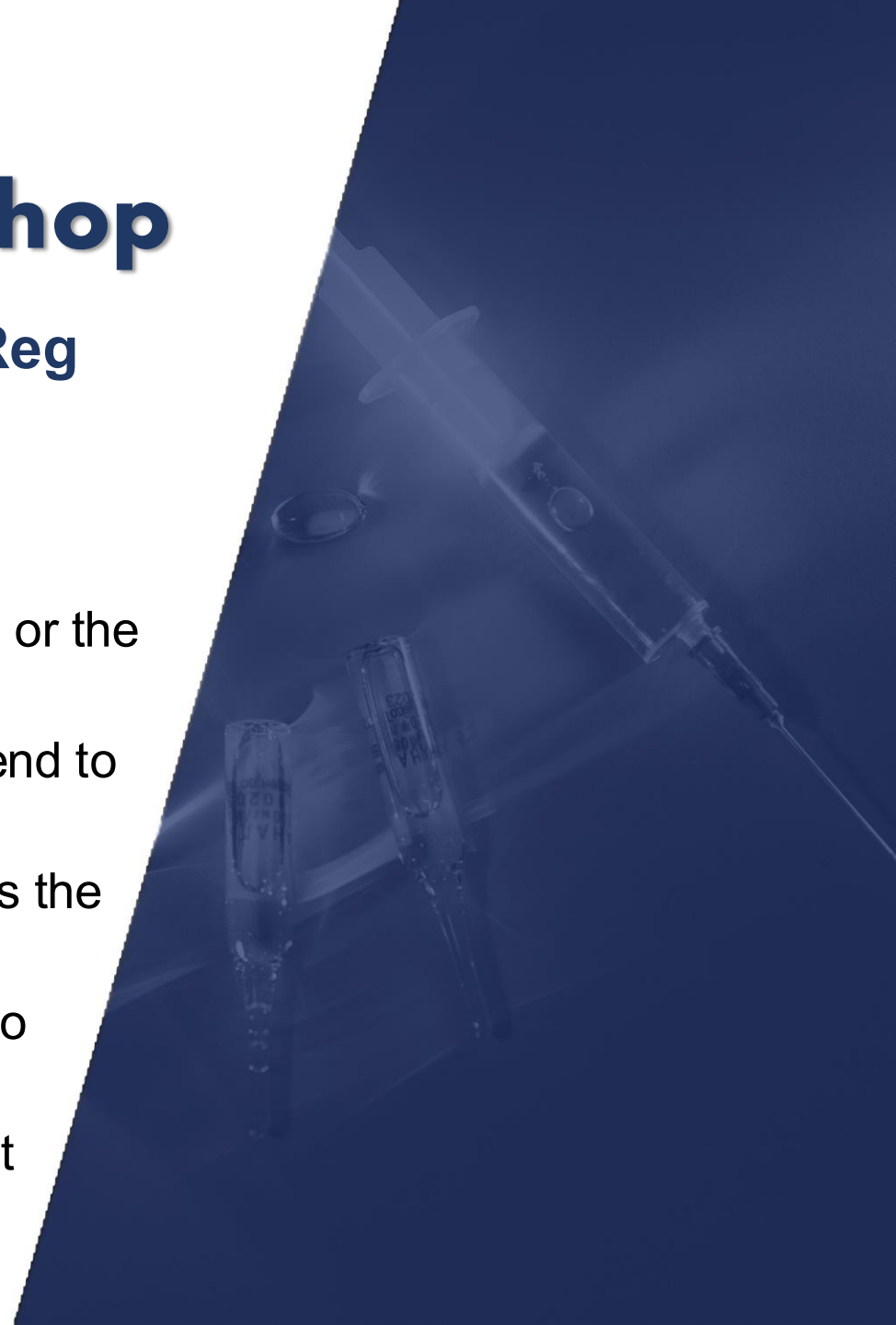
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Welcome to the 2026 Pre-Reg Exam Workshop

Good morning and welcome to the 2026 Pre-Reg Exam Workshop!

Please take note of the following:

- To ask questions, please use the Q&A function on Teams or the comment section if you are joining us on YouTube.
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Format of the Workshop

Welcome address	Ms M Mokoena, Chief Operating Officer (COO)
Introduction	Ms L Gumede, Manager: Pre-Registration
Preparing for calculation questions	Prof. P Demana
Examples of calculation questions	Prof. P Demana
Break (10 minutes)	
Preparing for general questions	Ms Khan/ Dr Johnston
Examples of general questions	Ms Khan/ Dr Johnston
Remote online examination	Office
Q & A	



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Message from the Chief Operating Officer: Ms MM Mokoena





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Prof. Patrick
Demana



Ms Razeeya Khan



Dr Deanne
Johnston

Examiners and Moderators



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Welcome to Interns and Tutors

Pre-registration Dept.
SAPC facilitators



Ms K Malaku
Senior Manager



Ms L Gumede
Manager



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Pre-registration Examination

for Pharmacist Interns

Examination structure & requirements at a glance

120

Total Questions

2

Exam Days

4h30m

Total Duration

Day 1

Calculation Paper

40 questions – 2 hours

Subminimum 60%

Day 2

General Paper

80 questions – 2 hours 30 min

Subminimum 50%



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Day 1 – Pre-registration Examination

Calculation Section

Questions drawn from everyday pharmacy practice across all sectors of the profession

40

Total questions

60%

Subminimum required

2 hrs

Time allocated

To pass this section

Interns must answer at least 24 out of 40 questions correctly. The subminimum of 60% applies independently – it must be met regardless of overall exam performance.

Manufacturing

Pharmaceutical production

Wholesale

Distribution & supply chain

Community

Retail & dispensing
pharmacy

Hospital

Clinical & Institutional care



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Domains 1 & 4

Smaller domains – still worth your attention

Advisory

Few questions come from Domains 1 and 4 – but ensure you take some time to review examples from these competencies too.

Domain 1

9% ≈4 questions

Pharmacoeconomics & Cost Analysis

CS 1.4 Health economics

- Cost-effectiveness analysis
- Cost-minimisation analysis
- Cost differential between therapeutic agents
- Cost differential between branded & generic equivalents
- Cost differential between dosage forms & routes of administration
- Cost differential of dosing regimen
- Cost differential of alternative treatment plans

Domain 4

5% ≈2 questions

Financial management

CS 4.2 Financial management

- % mark-up and dispensing fee
- Budgeting

STUDY REMINDER

Check formulas for pharmacoeconomic questions – knowing the correct formula is essential.



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Domain 2

Patient Care & Medicines Management

28% of calculations

≈11 questions

4 competency standards

CS 2.3 Patient medicine review & management

- Dose adjustment
- Pharmacokinetics
- Creatinine clearance

CS 2.5 Therapeutic outcome monitoring

- Dose adjustment
- Pharmacokinetics
- Creatinine clearance

CS 2.4 Medicines & medical devices safety

- Calculate an appropriate dose
- Prepare, concentrate, or dilute compounded medications
- Interpret osmolarity, isotonicity & milliequivalents
- Prepare isotonic solutions
- Reconstitute dry powders to appropriate concentration

CS 2.6 Pharmacist-initiated therapy

- Amount of medication required for dispensing
- Suitability of doses
- Doses by weight & surface area
- Prepare, concentrate, or dilute compounds accurately
- Reconstitute dry powders (incl. displacement volume)
- Calculation of BMI & peak flow reading



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Domain 3 – Part 1 of 2

Pharmaceutical Sciences & Practice Operations

58% of calculations

≈23 questions

5 competency standards



The majority of calculation questions come from this domain – prioritise your preparation here.

CS 3.1 Medicine production (GxP)

- NaCl equivalents
- Freezing point depression
- Solubility
- Master formulae
- Changing concentrations
- Trituration
- Molecular weight
- Granulation & compression yields
- Packaging reconciliation
- Density calculations
- Dilutions
- Formulations
- Isotonicity calculations

CS 3.2 Supply chain management

- Min/max order & reorder levels
- Acquisition costs
- % mark-up
- ABC analysis
- Lead-time
- Buffer / safety levels
- Distribution fees
- Patient bonus stock
- Batch supply cost analysis

CS 3.3 Formulary development

- Calculation of costs
- Cost-benefit analysis
- ABC analysis



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Domain 3 – Part 2 of 2

Dispensing & Compounding

58% of calculations

≈23 questions

5 competency standards

CS 3.4 Medicine dispensing

- Prescription verification
- Amount of medication required for a prescription
- Suitability of doses
- Dosage
- Doses by weight & surface area
- Concentrations
- Intravenous doses including paediatrics
- Reconstitution (incl. displacement volume)
- Rate of infusion

CS 3.5 Medicine compounding

- Master formulae
- Changing concentrations
- Solubility
- Reconstitution calculations
- Dilutions

Note:

CS 3.4 and CS 3.5 overlap with Domain 2 content – reconstitution, dilutions, and dose calculations appear across both domains.



Tips for Approaching Calculations

Strategy over memorisation – know the principle, apply the method

CORE PRINCIPLE

Understand the principle – do not memorise the calculation. If you understand why the formula works, you can derive it even under pressure.



UNITS

Always identify the SI units involved. Converting to the correct unit before calculating prevents the most common errors.

- What are the SI units for this quantity?
- Do units on both sides of the equation match?
- Have I converted correctly before calculating?

EXAMPLE

$$\% w/v = g / 100 \text{ ml}$$

grams per 100 millilitres



EQUATIONS

Identify the equations used while practising. Build your own reference list – recognising which equation applies is half the answer.

- Which equation links the quantities given?
- What is the unknown I am solving for?
- Can I rearrange the equation correctly?

EXAMPLE

$$C_1V_1 = C_2V_2$$

Dilution equation

Exam Tip: Write down your working clearly – even if your final answer is wrong, a logical method shows understanding and helps you catch errors.



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Domain 1

Cost Comparison



Question

A 55-year-old male patient is stabilised on warfarin 5mg daily at a cost of R28.80 per month. The patient has his INR monitored weekly at a cost of R117.70 per test. The patient has heard about rivaroxaban from his doctor and wants to know the cost implications. The cost of rivaroxaban 15mg daily is R637.95 per month.

What is the difference in cost annually between these two options?



Hint 1: Warfarin requires both medication AND monitoring costs.



Hint 2: Rivaroxaban costs are medication only – no INR monitoring needed.

Try to work out the answer before proceeding to the next slide.



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Domain 1

Cost Comparison

55-year old male patient – anticoagulation therapy cost analysis



Warfarin 5mg daily

Medication cost: R28.80 / month x 12

INR monitoring: R117.70 / test

Monitoring (weekly): 52 tests x R117.70

= R6 120.40 / year

Annual Total: **R6 465.40**

(R345 med + R6 120.40 monitoring)



Rivaroxaban 15mg daily

Medication cost: R637.95 / month

INR monitoring: **Not required**

Monitoring (weekly): **R0.00**

Annual med cost = R7 655.40

Annual Total: **R7 655.40**

(R637.95 x 12 months, no monitoring)

Cost Difference: R7 655.40 – R6 465.40 = **R1 190.00 more per year** for Rivaroxaban



Domain 3

Aseptic mixing

? Question

A patient requires an intravenous infusion of 0,9% w/v sodium chloride. In your hospital pharmacy department, you have Water for Injection BP and 4,5% w/v Sodium Chloride Solution BP.

Assuming no volume displacement effects, what volume of the 4,5% w/v Sodium Chloride Solution BP needs to be added aseptically to an expandable PVC infusion bag containing 100ml Water for Injection BP to produce the required sodium chloride concentration?



Hint 1: Use the $C_1V_1 = C_2V_2$ formula. You know the final concentration (0,9%), the stock concentration (4,5%), and the diluent volume (100ml).



Hint 2: The total final volume (V_2) = 100ml water + volume of stock added. Solve for V_1 (the stock volume needed).

Try to work out the answer before proceeding to the next slide.



Domain 3

Aseptic mixing

Using $C_1V_1 = C_2V_2$ – dilution equation



Known Values

$$C_1 = 4,5\% \text{ w/v (stock NaCl)}$$

$$C_2 = 0,9\% \text{ w/v (required conc.)}$$

$$V_2 = 100 + V_1 \text{ ml (total final vol.)}$$

$$C_1 = 4,5\% \text{ w/v (stock NaCl)}$$

$$V_1 = ? \text{ ml (stock vol. to add)}$$



Working

$$C_1V_1 = C_2V_2$$

$$4,5 \times V_1 = 0,9 \times (100 + V_1)$$

$$4,5V_1 = 90 + 0,9V_1$$

$$4,5V_1 - 0,9V_1 = 90$$

$$3,6V_1 = 90$$

$$V_1 = 25 \text{ ml}$$



Answer

Add

25 ml

of 4,5% w/v NaCl

to 100ml WFI

= 125ml of 0,9% w/v NaCl

Answer: **25 ml** of 4,5% w/v NaCl added to 100ml WFI produces **125 ml** of 0,9% w/v NaCl



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Domain 3

Molecular weight

? Question

Given that the relative molecular mass (RMM) of sodium chloride is 58,5 g/mol, what amount of sodium chloride powder is required to prepare 300 ml of a solution containing 50 mmol/l?



Hint 1: First find the total millimoles needed:
Concentration (mmol/l) x volume (l).
Convert 300 ml to litres.



Hint 2: Then convert mmol to mol, and use: mass (g) = moles x RMM to find the weight of powder needed.

Try to work out the answer before proceeding to the next slide.



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Domain 3

Molecular weight

$$\text{Mass (g)} = \text{moles} \times \text{RMM}$$



Known Values

RMM: 58,5 g/mol (NaCl)

Volume: 300 ml = 0,3 l

Conc.: 50 mmol/l (required)

Mass: ? G (to find)



Working

Step 1: Find total millimoles

$$50 \text{ mmol/l} \times 0,3 \text{ l} = 15 \text{ mmol}$$

Step 2: Convert mmol → mol

$$15 \text{ mmol} \div 1000 = 0,015 \text{ mol}$$

Step 3: Calculate mass

$$0,015 \text{ mol} \times 58,5 \text{ g/mol} = 0,8775 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Mass} = 0,8775 \text{ g} \approx 877,5 \text{ mg}$$



Answer

Weigh

877,5 mg

of NaCl powder

$$= 0,8775 \text{ g}$$

dissolve in 300 ml

Answer: 877,5 mg (0,8775 g) of NaCl powder dissolved in 300 ml to give 50 mmol/l



Domain 3

Isotonic solutions – NaCl equivalent

? Question

A pharmacist receives the following prescription:

Rx	Ephedrine HCl	0,5g
	Chlorobutanol	0,25g
	Dextrose, anhydrous	q.s.
	Purified water ad	50 ml

NaCl Equivalents (E-values):

Ephedrine HCl 1% w/v: **E = 0,30**

Chlorobutanol 1% w/v: **E = 0,24**

Anhydrous dextrose 1%: **E = 0,18**

How many grams of anhydrous dextrose should be used in compounding the prescription to make an isotonic solution?



Hint 1: An isotonic solution is equivalent to 0,9% NaCl in 100ml. Calculate the NaCl equivalent contributed by each ingredient.



Hint 2: NaCl equivalent = concentration (g/100ml) x E-value. Subtract existing equivalents from 0,9g, then use dextrose E-value to find its quantity.

Try to work out the answer before proceeding to the next slide.



Domain 3

Isotonic solutions – NaCl equivalent

Isotonicity using the NaCl equivalent (E-value) method

Step 3

Step 1

NaCl needed for isotonic

0,9 g NaCl = isotonic per 100 ml

Step 2

NaCl equivalents of existing ingredients

Ephedrine HCl:

$(0,5 \text{ g} / 50 \text{ ml}) \times 100 \times 0,30 = 1\% \times 0,30 = 0,30 \text{ g NaCl equiv.}$

Chlorobutanol:

$(0,25 \text{ g} / 50 \text{ ml}) \times 100 \times 0,24 = 0,5\% \times 0,24 = 0,12 \text{ g NaCl equiv.}$

Total NaCl equiv. = $0,30 + 0,12 = 0,42 \text{ g}$

Deficit: $0,9 - 0,42 = 0,48 \text{ g NaCl}$

Dextrose needed

Deficit \div E-value of dextrose:

$0,48 \div 0,18$

2.667 g/100 ml

1.333 g/50 ml

= 1.333 g

anhydrous dextrose

Answer: 1.333 g of anhydrous dextrose to render the 50 ml prescription isotonic



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Domain 2

Isotonic solutions – Freezing point depression

? Question

Calculate the quantity of NaCl (g) that should be added to 150 ml of a 1% w/v solution of apomorphine hydrochloride to render the solution isotonic with blood plasma.

Given data:

ΔT_f of a 1% w/v solution of apomorphine HCl = $0,08^\circ\text{C}$ ΔT_f of a 1% w/v solution of NaCl = $0,58^\circ\text{C}$



Hint 1: Blood plasma freezes at $-0,52^\circ\text{C}$. Find how much freezing point depression the drug alone provides at 1% in 150 ml.



Hint 2: Use the formula: g NaCl needed = $(0,52 - \Delta T_f \text{ drug}) \div 0,58$, then scale from 100 ml to 150 ml.

Try to work out the answer before proceeding to the next slide.



Domain 2

Isotonic solutions – Freezing point depression

Isotonicity using the freezing point depression (ΔT_f) method

Step 1

Key reference values

Blood plasma freezes at:

$$\Delta T_f = -0,52^\circ\text{C}$$

Drug ΔT_f (1% w/v):

$$0,08^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{Deficit} = 0,52 - 0,08 = 0,44^\circ\text{C}$$

Step 2

NaCl needed per 100 ml

Formula:

$$g \text{ NaCl} = \frac{(0,52 - \Delta T_f \text{ drug})}{\Delta T_f \text{ of 1\% NaCl}}$$

$$= \frac{(0,52 - 0,08)}{0,58}$$

$$= 0,44 \div 0,58$$

$$= 0,759 \text{ g per 100 ml}$$

Step 3

Scale to 150 ml

$$\frac{0,759 \times 150}{100}$$

$$= 0,759 \times 1,5$$

$$1,138 \text{ g}$$

$$\approx 1,14 \text{ g NaCl}$$

add to 150 ml

Answer: Add 1,138 g ($\approx 1,14$ g) of NaCl to 150 ml of 1% apomorphine HCl to achieve isotonicity



Domain 3

Milliequivalents


? Question


How many milliequivalents of potassium ion (K^+) are there in a 250 mg penicillin V potassium tablet?

Note / Given data:

Molecular weight of penicillin V potassium: 388,48 g/mol

One K^+ ion per molecule • Valence of K^+ : 1


Hint 1: $1 \text{ mEq} = (\text{MW} \div \text{valence}) \text{ mg}$. First find the equivalent weight of penicillin V potassium, then determine how many milliequivalents are in 250 mg.


Hint 2: Since valence = 1, the equivalent weight equals the molecular weight. $\text{mEq} = (\text{mg of drug} \div \text{equivalent weight}) \times 1000$.

Try to work out the answer before proceeding to the next slide.



Domain 3

Milliequivalents

Milliequivalents (mEq) = mass (mg) ÷ equivalent weight (mg/mEq)

Step 1

Known values

MW:

388,48 g/mol

Valence (n):

1

Tablet mass:

250 mg

K⁺ ions:

1 per molecule

Step 2

Find equivalent weight

Equivalent Weight (EW):

$$\begin{aligned}EW &= MW \div \text{valence} \\ &= 388,48 \div 1\end{aligned}$$

EW = 388,48 mg/mEq

*Since valence = 1
EW = MW numerically
(1 mEq = 388,48 mg)*

Step 3

Calculate mEq

$$\begin{aligned}mEq &= mg \div EW \\ &= 250 \div 388,48\end{aligned}$$

0,644

mEq of K⁺

Per 250 mg tablet

≈ 0,64 mEq

Answer: 0,644 mEq (≈0,64 mEq) of K⁺ in a 250 mg penicillin V potassium tablet



Domain 4

Cost Per Pack

? Question

A new vitamin is on promotion for R42.01 per pack. However, the pharmacy qualifies for a 6 + 2 deal.

What is the cost per pack if the pharmacy takes advantage of this deal?

6 + 2

6 + 2 deal: Pay for 6 packs, receive 8 packs (*2 packs free*)

Unit price: R42.01 per pack • Total paid: 6 x R42.01



Hint 1: A 6+2 deal means you pay for 6 but receive 8. First calculate the total amount paid for 6 packs at R42.01 each.



Hint 2: Then divide the total cost paid by the total number of packs received (8) to get the effective cost per pack.

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Domain 4

Cost Per Pack

Effective cost per pack = Total paid ÷ Total packs received

Step 1

Understand the deal



6 paid + 2 free = 8 packs total

Step 2

Calculate total amount paid

Packs paid for:

6 packs

Price per pack:

R42.01

6 x R42.01 =

R252.06 total

Step 3

Cost per pack

R252.06 ÷ 8

R31.51

per pack

Saving: **R10.50 per pack**
(25% discount)

Answer: R31.51 per pack – a saving of R10.50 per pack by taking the 6+2 deal



Domain 3

Dose Verification



Question

A 60-year old male patient, who weighs 75 kg, is administered a gentamicin injection. His last plasma creatinine was measured as 300 $\mu\text{mol/L}$. The doctor prescribed 350 mg of gentamicin to be administered IV.

Is this dose correct?



Age

60 years



Weight

75 kg

Plasma Creatinine

300 $\mu\text{mol/L}$

Prescribed Dose

350 mg IV

Dosage Table (Cockroft-Gault CrCl)

30 – 70 ml/min
5mg/kg once daily

10 – 30 ml/min
3 mg/kg once daily

<10 ml/min
2 mg/kg every 48 h



Hint 1: Use Cockroft-Gault: $\text{CrCl} = [(140 - \text{age}) \times \text{weight}] \div [\text{plasma creatinine} \times 0,814]$



Hint 2: Use the CrCl to find the correct dose band, calculate the correct dose, then compare to 350mg.

Try to work out the answer before proceeding to the next slide.



Domain 3

Dose Verification

Step 1: Calculate CrCl → Step 2: Identify dose band → Step 3: Verify prescribed dose

Step 1

CrCl (Cockcroft-Gault)

Formula:

$$(140 - \text{age}) \times \text{weight}$$

$$\text{creatinine} \times 0,814$$

$$(140 - 60) \times 75$$

$$300 \times 0,814$$

$$= 6000 \div 244,2$$

CrCl ≈ 24,6 ml/min

Step 2

Identify dose band

30 – 70 ml/min

5 mg/kg once daily

10-30 ml/min

3 mg/kg once daily ← 24,6

< 10 ml/min

2 mg/kg per 48 h

Band: 3 mg/kg once daily

Step 3

Verify dose

Correct dose:

$$3 \text{ mg/kg} \times 75 \text{ kg}$$

$$= 225 \text{ mg}$$

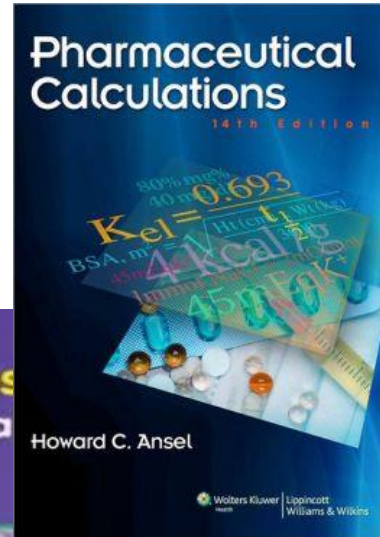
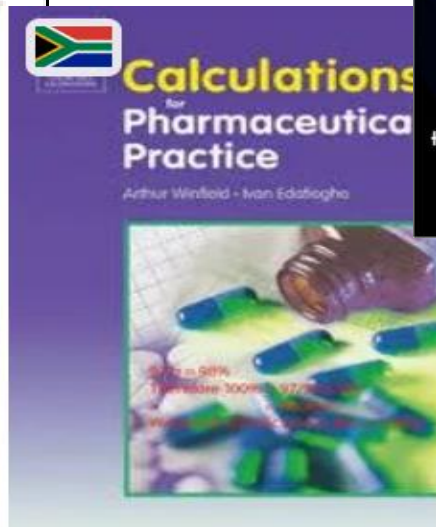
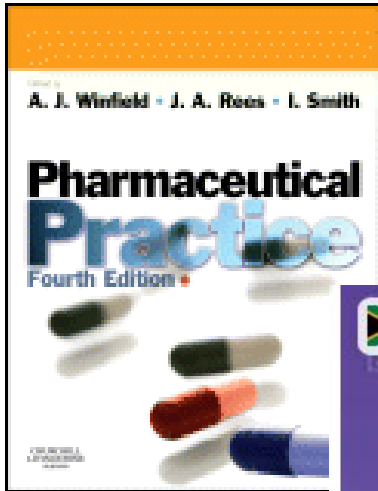
Prescribed:

350 mg

OVERDOSE
+125 mg excess

No – the dose is INCORRECT. CrCl ≈ 24,6 ml/min → 3 mg/kg → correct dose = 225 mg, not 350 mg (overdose by 125 mg)

Recommended Textbooks for Calculations.



Tips:

Text books are of more value BEFORE the exam than during the exam.

Use them to practice examination questions.

Consider the SA context:

- Are the calculations applicable to SA context?
- Check the units

If you are using calculation textbooks in the exam, BE MINDFUL OF TIME.



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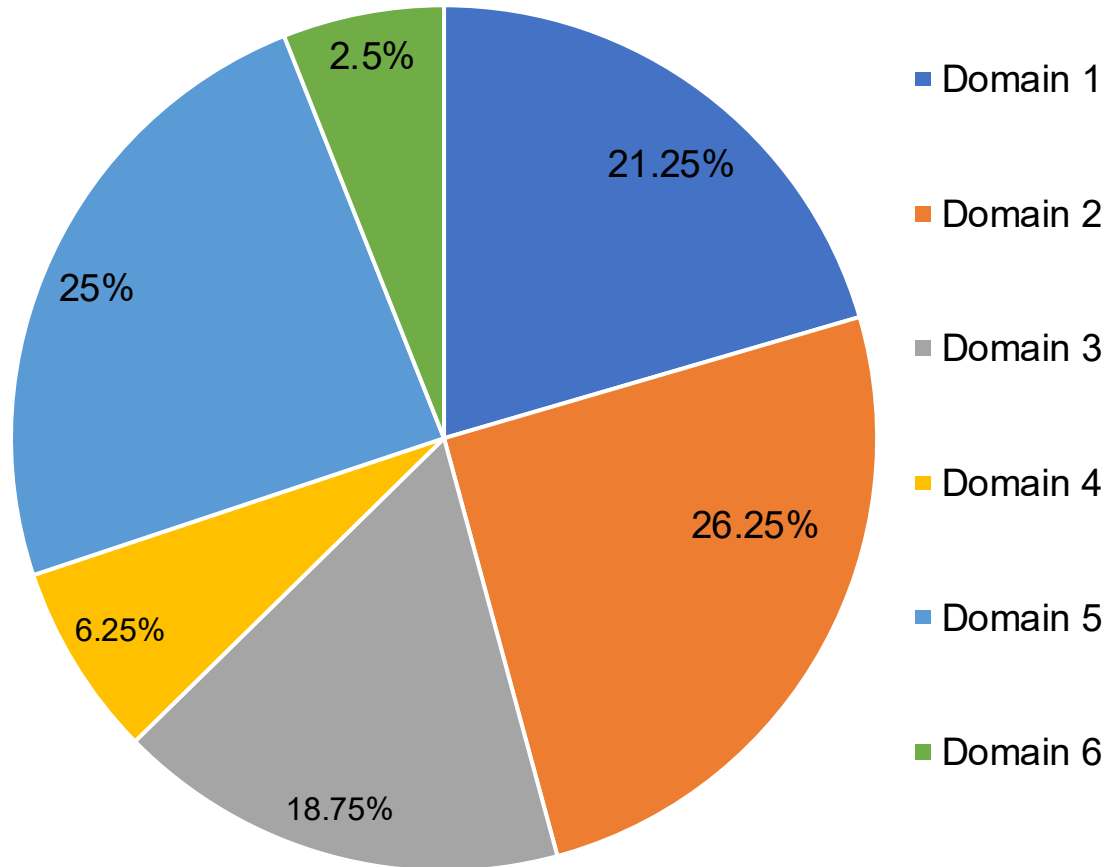
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Is it current?

Is it relevant in
the SA setting



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The screenshot shows the South African Pharmacy Council website. At the top left is the council's logo and name. To the right are navigation icons and a 'Login' button. The main heading is 'Pharmacist Intern', with a sub-menu where 'Manual' is highlighted. Below this is an 'Introduction' section with a paragraph about the internship year. A link is provided to download the 2021 'Intern and Tutor Manual'. Another paragraph mentions a revamped CPD system with a link to the 'Intern CPD User Manual'. A section titled 'Other important documents' lists several manuals and guidelines for download.

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The practical training year is extremely important to the pharmacy graduate. The pre-registration programme, developed by the South African Pharmacy Council (Council), lays the foundation for the internship year and provides the pharmacy graduate with an opportunity to gain practical experience and knowledge in a practice setting. It is also the year in which the tutor nurtures and guides the intern towards adopting a specific approach and attitude towards the practice of the pharmacy profession.

[Click here](#) to download the 2021 **Intern and Tutor Manual**

The Intern CPD System has been revamped. To help interns navigate the new system, an Intern CPD User Manual has been compiled. [Click here](#) to download the **Intern CPD User Manual**.

Other important documents (Click on title to download/view):

- Good Pharmacy Practice Manual and Associated SAPC Rules
- SA Guide to GMP June 2010
- Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List For South Africa - (Hospital Level Adults) 2019 Edition
- Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List For South Africa - (Hospital Level Paediatrics) 2017 Edition
- Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List For South Africa - (Primary Health Care Level) 2020 Edition
- National Drug Policy for South Africa



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- [BN868 of 2025: Services for which a pharmacist can levy a fee \(2026\)](#)
- [BN794 of 2025: GPP Reference Sources](#)
- [BN754 of 2025: Services for which a pharmacist may levy a fee](#)
- [BN751 of 2025: GPP Corrections Oncology](#)
- [BN674 of 2024: GPP Minimum standard for oncology services](#)
- [BN669 of 2024: Products which may not be sold in a pharmacy.](#)
- [BN593 of 2023: Rules relating to services for which a pharmacist may levy a fee \(2024\)](#)





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Legislation

Act Regulations Rules **Board Notices** Proposed Legislation

Board Notices

- BN880 of 2026: Guidelines for the removal of pharmacy registration/recording as a result of non-compliance with good pharmacy practice and other pharmacy legislation (amendment notice)
- BN868 of 2025: Services for which a pharmacist can levy a fee_2026
- BN866 of 2025: Bachelor of Pharmacy – Integrated Curriculum Outline
- BN860 of 2025: Fees payable to SAPC for 2026
- GNR6537 of 2025: Amounts payable for penalties and offences (2025)
- BN816 of 2025: Guidelines for Work-Based Learning (WBL)
- BN815 of 2025: Criteria to accredit a course to be completed by Foreign-Qualified Pharmacists



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How to Use the Reference Material?

BOOKS:



Learn how to use each reference material

Where is the index?

What information can I find in each reference material?

Tips:

More is not necessarily better, avoid using a reference book you have never used before.

Using notes from university may not help (information may no longer be valid).

ONLINE:



Familiarise yourself with online references.

Download references before exam.

Time consuming to search during exam.

Information may not correlate to recommended reference material.



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Other Useful Online Resources:



EMGUIDANCE



MSD MANUAL
Professional Version

The trusted provider of medical information since 1899

SAHPRA
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Health Products
Regulatory Authority



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Can I use
apps?

Can I use a
second device for
resources?

List of reference material published in the 2026 Intern/tutor manual for Pre- registration Exam

Reference material

1. SAPC website (www.sapc.za.org) e.g. Board Notices, ePharmaciae (www.pharmaciae.org.za)
2. Calculations for Pharmaceutical Practice and Pharmaceutical Calculations
3. Electronic copies of the Pharmacy Act and associated regulations, Medicines and Related Substances Act and other relevant Acts
4. A comprehensive handbook on Pharmacology
5. Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List – Paediatric Hospital Level, Adult Hospital level, Primary Healthcare Level
6. Martindale: The Extra Pharmacopoeia
7. Merck Manual (<https://www.msdmanuals.com/professional>) or equivalent therapeutics reference
8. South African Health Regulatory Products Authority (SAHPRA) (<https://www.sahpra.org.za/>) e.g. PICS Guidelines, PIL list
9. South African Medicines Formulary (SAMF) or equivalent
10. EMGuidance (<https://emguidance.com/discover>)
11. Drug Supply Chain Management book
12. Drug interaction checker

Rules and Guidelines

13. Good Pharmacy Practice (GPP)
14. Guidelines for Good Wholesaling and Distribution Practices
15. South African Guide to Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)

Electronic reference materials available on the online Pre- registration Exam Platform

Reference material

1. Good Pharmacy Practice (GPP)
2. South African Guide to Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)
3. Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List -Paediatric Hospital Level, Adult Hospital level, Primary Healthcare Level
4. National Drug Policy for South Africa
5. Martindale 36th Ed, The Complete Drug Reference

Time: 00:0-13:0-49

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A prescription is written as follows:
Prednisone 10 mg tablets
Sig: 20 mg po BID x 2 days, then 20 mg po once daily x 2 days, then 10 mg po once daily x 2 days
How many tablets need to be dispensed in total?

(a) 8

(b) 10

(c) 12

(d) 14

Next Question

Chat with Investigator

References

Helpful Tips:

- READ the question carefully.
- Identify the statements of which you are sure.
- Confirm (using references) the statements you are unsure of.
- If you can't complete the question, carry on and when you have time towards the end of the exam come back to it.

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“TRUE”, “IS” and “CORRECT”

“FALSE”, “NOT” and
“INCORRECT”

“MOST APPROPRIATE” implies
that more than one answer is
possible, thus select the most
inclusive answer



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Managing Time:



Maximise your time – 150 minutes

80 MCQs

Four (4) options per MCQ

Less than two (2) minutes per question.

No negative marking.

Do not leave anything blank.

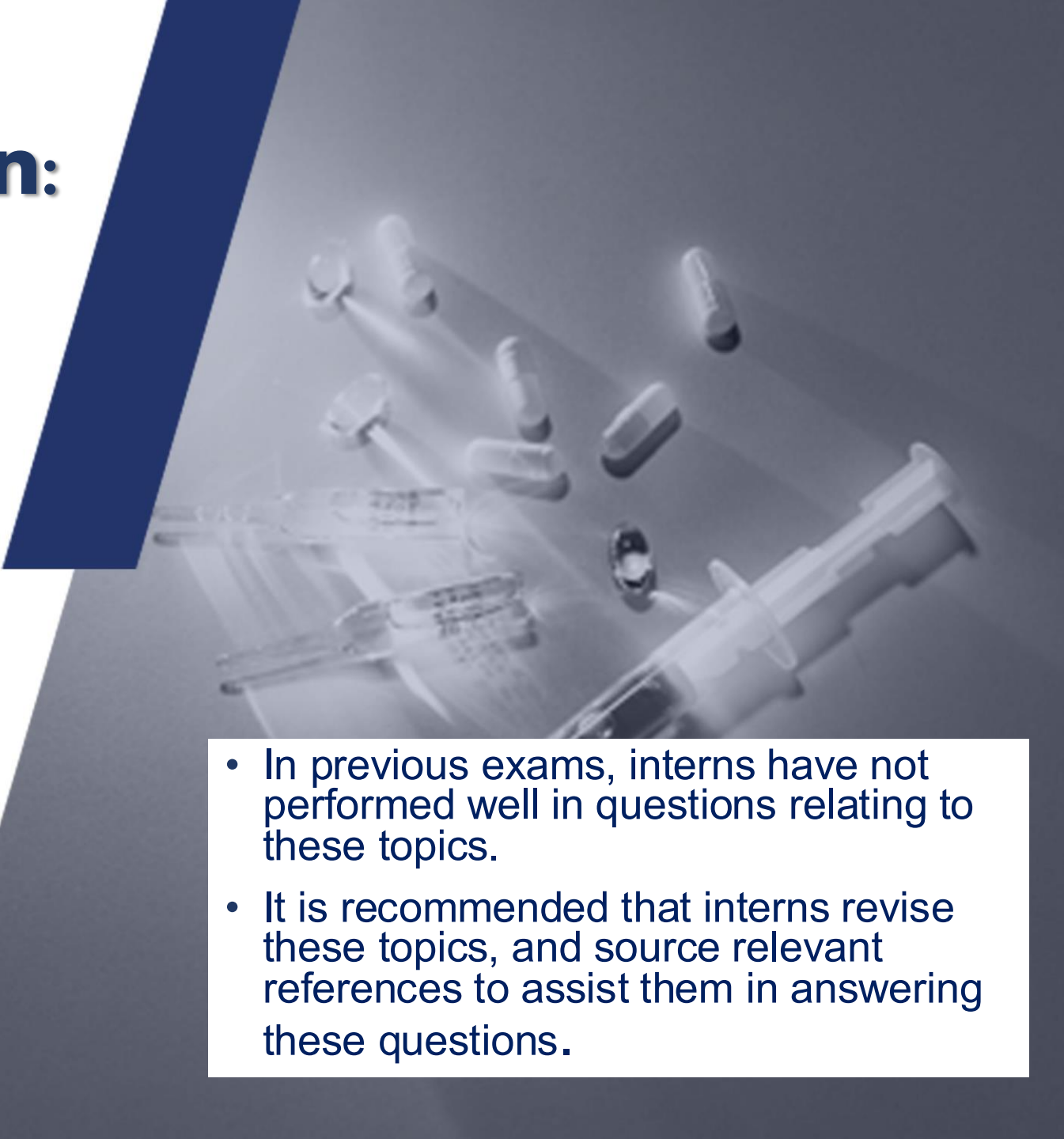




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Areas of Concern:

- Pharmacovigilance
 - reporting of adverse drug reactions
- Adverse drug reactions
- Scheduling status
- Management and recording of schedule 6 medicines;
- Good Manufacturing Practice including documentation in the manufacturing sector

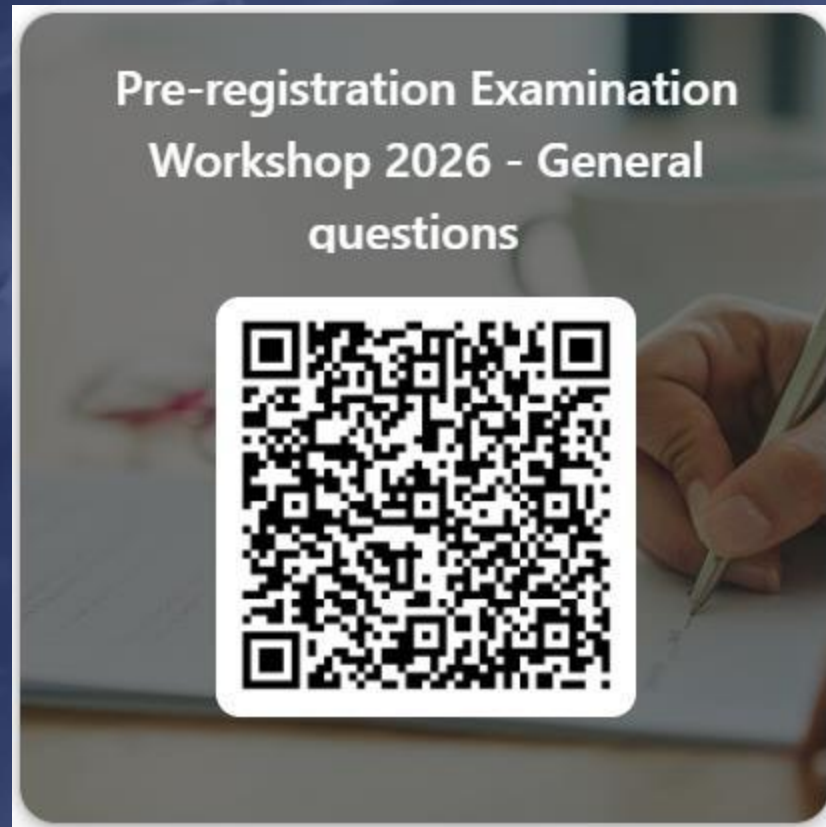
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- A background image showing various medical supplies including syringes, vials, and capsules, arranged on a surface.
- In previous exams, interns have not performed well in questions relating to these topics.
 - It is recommended that interns revise these topics, and source relevant references to assist them in answering these questions.



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General Questions Examples:

<https://forms.office.com/r/SUBKynDnfQ>



All answers are anonymous and CANNOT be tracked back to you



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Do you have any questions?



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Pre-registration Examinations 2026:

PRACTICE EXAMINATION	PRE-REGISTRATION EXAMINATION
27 January Tuesday	03/04 March (Tuesday/Wednesday)
02 June (Tuesday)	04/05 August (Tuesday/Wednesday)
08 September (Tuesday)	20/21 October (Tuesday/Wednesday)

Practice examination may be written on any of these dates –
no entrance criteria apply.
Compulsory to write it once.



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Who is Eligible to Write the Examination?

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MONTHS:

9

MONTHS:

First (1st) time must be in their sixth (6th) month
(completed a minimum of five (5) months)

Submit six (6) Portfolio of Evidence entries & be competent in three (3) submissions

Complete the practice examination

Tutor must have submitted the three (3) progress reports

Interns in the ninth (9th) month or more
(completed a minimum of eight (8) months)

Submit and be competent in six (6) Portfolio of Evidence entries

Complete the practice examination

Tutor must have submitted four (4) progress reports

PLEASE NOTE:

- ENTRANCE CRITERIA WILL NOT BE CHANGED IN 2026



Reminder: Portfolio of Evidence Submission Deadlines for 2026

LAST DATES FOR SUBMISSION OF PORTFOLIO OF EVIDENCE ENTRIES BY INTERNS	FOR OF OF EVIDENCE ENTRIES BY TUTORS	LAST DATES FOR VERIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO OF EVIDENCE ENTRIES BY	SAPC RELEASES RESULTS	NOTE THAT:
05-Jan-26	07-Jan-26	26-Jan-26		<p>NOTE THAT:</p> <p>(a) According to Council Policy, appeals must be submitted within one (1) calendar month after the release of the results.</p> <p>(b) Entries must be submitted by 12:00 PM on the last date of submission. Entries submitted after 12:00 PM on the last date of submission will be assessed in the next submission cycle.</p> <p>(c) Interns are ADVISED to submit six (6) Portfolio of Evidence entries within the first six (6) months of their registration.</p> <p>(d) Entries submitted after 30 November 2026 will only be assessed in January 2027</p>
30-Jan-26	02-Feb-26	16-Feb-26		
03/04 March 2026 (exam dates)				
23-Feb-26	24-Feb-26	23-Mar-26		
30-Mar-26	31-Mar-26	27-Apr-26		
04-May-26	05-May-26	25-May-26		
01-Jun-26	02-Jun-26	22-Jun-26		
29-Jun-26	30-Jun-26	20-Jul-26		
04/05 August 2026 (exam dates)				
27-Jul-26	28-Jul-26	24-Aug-26		
31-Aug-26	01-Sept-26	21-Sept-26		
20/21 October 2026 (exam dates)				
28-Sept-26	29-Sept-26	26-Oct-26		
02-Nov-26	03-Nov-26	23-Nov-26		
30-Nov-26	01-Dec-26	14-Dec-26		
04-Jan-27	05-Jan-27	22-Jan-27		

**SUBMIT WITHOUT
DELAY!!**

A fee of **R327,00** is charged on submission of the 10th and subsequent PoE entries

Deadlines for Portfolio of Evidence Submission to Qualify for Exams



Exams Dates	Normal Portfolio of Evidence submission deadline	Late Portfolio of Evidence submission deadline
03/04 March 2026	06 January 2026	30 January 2026; late booking fee for the pre-registration exam applies.
04/05 August 2026	02 June 2026	29 June 2026; late booking fee for the pre-registration exam applies.
20/21 October 2026	01 August 2026	31 August 2026; late booking fee for the pre-registration exam applies.

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DELAY!!**

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Booking for the Examinations:

Update your details on your
SAPC profile:

- Cell phone number
- Email address
- Profile picture
- You will be notified via email and SMS when bookings are open.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Bookings open :	Six (6) weeks before the exam.
Bookings close:	Four (4) weeks before the exam.
Late bookings (fee applied):	Four (4) weeks – 14 days before exam.



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Profile Picture:

Image uploaded on SAPC needs to be:

- a colour image;
- taken in last six (6) months;
- of your head and shoulders.

PLEASE NOTE:

The profile picture is used by the invigilator to verify the candidate's identity.





- Dashboard
- CPD
- Manuals
- My Progress
- Logout

Personal Profile



Choose File No file chosen

P Number

Role

Title

First Name

Second Name

Third Name

Fourth Name

Surname

ID/Passport Number

Password



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Examination Booking



Dashboard

CPD

My Progress

Log out

Dashboard

/ Dashboard



Finance
Balance : R



Applications



Letters and certificates



Pre-registration examinations



Contact



Progress Reports



Workshops



Telecommunication



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Examination Booking (cont.):



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Dashboard

CPD

My Progress

Log out

Examinations

/ Dashboard



Examination Bookings



Examination Results



Practise Examinations



Examination



Examination Booking (cont.)

Dashboard

CPD

Manuals

My Progress

Logout

Examination Booking

/ Dashboard

⚠ Please note: **Extraordinary Examination**. A fee of **R 2629.00** payable even if this your second attempt at the exam. For EFT payment or over the counter bank payment, upload proof of payment for application to be completed and case to be created.

Interns have to write both sections of the paper on the specified days. Failure to comply with this requirement automatically renders an intern unsuccessful in the examination.

Intern Pre - Registration Examination Paper [01/02/2032]

Examination Section

Date

Venue

Calculations

01/02/2032

--Select--

General

01/02/2032

--Select--

Venue details



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Remote Examination



RESIDENCE



WORKPLACE



SAPC



OTHER

Select the venue when booking



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Which
device will
I need?

What will I need
during the
exam?

How will I
communicate
with SAPC?



Remote Examination:



- Find a quiet suitable workplace.
- Enough space for device and references.



- Keep calm
- Communicate with your remote invigilator if you are experiencing any difficulty.



- Download electronic references before the examination date.



- Ensure you have the equipment you will need,
(i.e. calculator, paper for working out calculations).



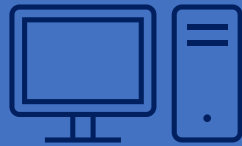
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Device and Connectivity:

**SUGGESTED
DEVICES**



OR



AND



**DEVICE MUST HAVE A CAMERA OR A
LINKED CAMERA WITH VIDEO
CAPABILITIES.**



CONNECTIVITY (MINIMUM 3G).



BROWSERS.



Google Chrome



Firefox



Microsoft Edge

Neowin



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STEPS TO LOGIN AND ACCESS THE EXAMINATION PLATFORM ON THE SAPC WEBSITE:



Day 1 of the Examination

08h00

Login to the SAPC website & enter one-time pin (sent to your cell phone), to enter the examination

Complete the declaration

Read the examination rules;



09h00

Examination commences (remote invigilator)

The exam will be invigilated through remote proctoring system which will have a continuous video feed, and images will be taken throughout the exam.



11h00

Examination ends.

**Exam
Day 1**

Day 2 of the Examination



08h00

Login to the SAPC website & enter on-time pin (sent to your cell phone) to enter the examination;

Complete the declaration

Read the examination rules



09h00

Examination commences (remote invigilator) ;

The exam will be invigilated through remote proctoring system which will have a continuous video feed, and images will be taken throughout the exam



11h30

Examination ends

Complete the post-examination survey.

**Exam
Day 2**



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Examination Platform

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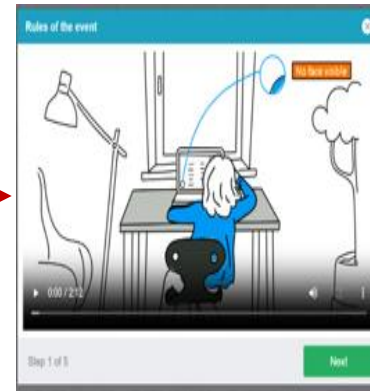
**Same as SAPC
secure site**

- P number
- ID number
- Password

2

Cell number and
email on register
system

3



Log in to the
proctoring
system

4



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Examination Platform

5

START THE EXAM

Paper Details

Time Allowed	2 hrs 0 minutes
Time	09:00 to 11:00
Total	40
Overall pass %	60

Calculations

Duration	2 hrs 0 minutes
Pass %	60

General

Duration	0 hrs 0 minutes
Pass %	0

6

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Time: 01:42:27

39 02:52

Question

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

7

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Examination Complete

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I will not share or retain the contents of the examination via electronic, printed, written or verbal means with any person.

SUBMIT EXAMINATION

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Examination Complete

Council would like your feedback in order to provide an adequate on-line examination experience for candidates. Please complete the survey questions on completion of the on-line examination. Click the [Post Examination Survey] button to complete the survey.

Post Examination Survey

A notification will be sent once the results have been released by the SAPC.



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Step 1: Log into the SAPC Website:

- Preferably use the following browsers:
Google Chrome/Firefox/Microsoft Edge.
- The examination can be accessed on the SAPC website under **Registered persons** → **Pharmacist Intern** → **Pre-registration**.

Alternatively, use the URL below to connect:
https://www.sapc.za.org/Intern_pre_registration

Pharmacist Intern

[Overview](#) [Scope of Practice](#) [Internship](#) [Manual](#) [CPD](#) [Pre-Reg Examinations](#) [Applications](#) [Fees](#) [Login](#) [Search](#) [Opportunities](#)

The South African Pharmacy Council (Council), in 2018, developed a new format for the pre-registration examination which is in line with the new competency standards Council resolved that the pre-registration examination be conducted three times, i.e. in March, August and October as indicated in the schedule below.

PRE-REGISTRATION EXAMINATION

Please [click here](#) to access the Pre-registration examination (4/5 March 2025).

Only candidates booked for the pre-registration examination will be able to access the examination.

Step-by-step guide for accessing the pre-registration examination tutorial ([Download PDF tutorial here \(click to download\)](#) or watch video below)




[Click here](#) to watch the step-by-step video on YouTube.



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Step 2: Insert Your Login Credentials:



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P Number

National ID/Passport

Password

Enter



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Step 3: Insert Your OTP:

The OTP will be sent as an SMS to your cell phone, and also via Email and will be valid for ten (10) minutes, if unused. A new OTP will be generated for each login.

The screenshot shows a web interface for OTP verification. At the top left is the South African Pharmacy Council logo. The main heading is "One-Time Password (OTP)". Below it, instructions state: "Please wait 10 minutes, one-time password will be sent to your cell phone. Enter the number in the textbox below and click the [Continue] button. If you have not received a SMS, check emails or". A "Resend OTP in" section features a countdown timer with three colored circles: a green circle with "00", a cyan circle with "09", and a blue circle with "20". Below the timer, the text "Examination Intern Pre – Registration Examination Paper" and "Date 19 Jul 2023" are displayed. A "One-Time Password" label is above a text input field. At the bottom is a red "Continue" button.



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Step 4: Equipment Check:

Equipment check

Please wait while the system checks your computer and the network so that possible technical issues do not interfere with the exam.

- Browser check
- Webcam check
- Microphone check
- Network check
- Screen check
- WebRTC check

Step 1 of 1

Next

- The examination platform will conduct an equipment check to ensure your device is compatible to the examination platform.
- Use the following link: [**https://proctored.com/check**](https://proctored.com/check) to test the compatibility of your laptop/desktop



Step 5: Equipment Check Successfully Completed:

Equipment check

Please wait while the system checks your computer and the network so that possible technical issues do not interfere with the exam.

- Browser check
- Webcam check
- Microphone check
- Network check
- Screen check
- WebRTC check

Step 2 of 4

Next



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Step 6: Profile Check:

Click on **NEXT** when profile check is completed.

Filling in the profile ✕

Fill in or check your last name, first name and middle name (if available).

Last name *

First name *

Middle name

Step 3 of 6

Next



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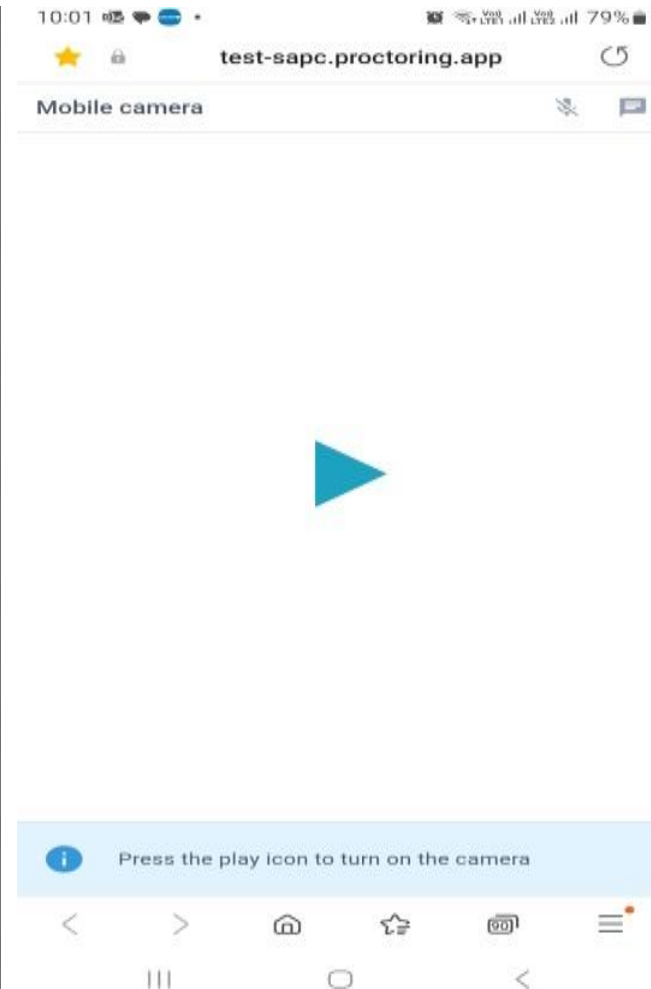
Step 7: Verification of the Picture:

Click on **NEXT** if satisfied with the photo

A screenshot of a mobile application interface for taking a face photo. The interface is titled "Taking a face photo" and includes a close button (X) in the top right corner. The main content area is divided into two sections: a text instruction on the left and a video camera view on the right. The text instruction reads: "Take a photo with your face fitting into the oval frame on the screen. Make sure that there is enough light in the room. If the photo is not verified, please take a new photo." The video camera view shows a woman's face centered within a red oval frame. Below the video view is a black bar with the text "TAKE PHOTO". At the bottom of the interface, there is a grey bar with "Step 4 of 5" on the left and a green button labeled "Next" on the right, which has a hand cursor icon over it.

Step 8: Scanning of the QR Code

Use a smartphone to scan the QR code to connect the phone to the examination platform for a better view of your workspace and examination room. Click on the play button to and record a short video of your room surroundings.



Step 9: Complete the Examination Declaration Prior to Starting Exam

Declaration

- I am writing the examination at the place stipulated in my booking confirmation.
- I am not sitting next to or in close proximity to any other candidates writing the examination.
- I will not receive any form of assistance from any person while writing this examination.
- I will not communicate (verbal / electronic / in person) with any candidate / pharmacist / tutor / registered person during the examination.
- I will only use the reference material permitted in the examination.
- I will not give any assistance to any person writing this examination.
- I will neither share, copy nor discuss the examination with any person during or after the examination.
- I will inform the South African Pharmacy Council if I am aware of any candidates that contravene this code of conduct.

Continue



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Declaration for the Online/Remote Exam

PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EXAMINATION

- I am writing the examination in a suitable area with minimal anticipated distractions.
- I am not sitting next to or in close proximity to any other candidate completing this examination.
- I will not receive any form of assistance from any person while writing this examination.
- I will not communicate (verbal / electronic / in person) with any registered person during the examination.
- I will only use the reference material permitted in the examination.
- I will not access any other reference material that has been prohibited, including websites.
- I will not give any assistance to any person completing this examination.
- I will not share or retain the contents of the examination via electronic, printed, written or verbal means with any person.
- I will inform the South African Pharmacy Council if I am aware of any candidate that contravenes the Examination Code of Conduct.



Step 10: Read the Examination Instructions:

Start the exam

Paper Details

Time Allowed	4 hrs 30 minutes
Time	08:55 to 23:00
Total	120
Overall pass %	50

Calculations

Duration	2 hrs 0 minutes
Pass %	60

General

Duration	2 hrs 30 minutes
Pass %	50

Examiners

✓ P21053 - Ms. Kamohelo Prudence Moleli

Moderators

Instructions

- ✓ Ensure that you are writing the correct section of the examination.
- ✓ You may start the examination at 9h00.
- ✓ Once the examination starts, a timer will be displayed on your screen.
- ✓ Time lapsed reminders will pop-up on your screen at 30-minute intervals and for the last 30 minutes, the pop-ups will appear when 15 minutes, 10 minutes and 5 minutes remain.
- ✓ The system will take pictures at random intervals, please ensure your camera is on at all times and/or correctly positioned to take a picture of you.
- ✓ All questions are worth one mark. There is no negative marking for selecting an incorrect answer.
- ✓ The questions for this examination are randomised. Therefore, the order of questions differs for each candidate writing.
- ✓ There are four (4) answer options per question. There is only ONE CORRECT answer per question.
- ✓ Use the mouse to select an answer option. The selected option is treated as your answer for the question. Your answers are auto-saved by the system.
- ✓ Once you have answered the question you cannot return to the question.
- ✓ If you do not answer a question, you may revisit the question at the end of the examination.
- ✓ Clicking the "Submit" button completes the examination and candidates cannot go back to the examination questions.
- ✓ If the allocated examination time lapses without you answering all questions, your answers will be automatically submitted even if you have not clicked the "Submit" button.

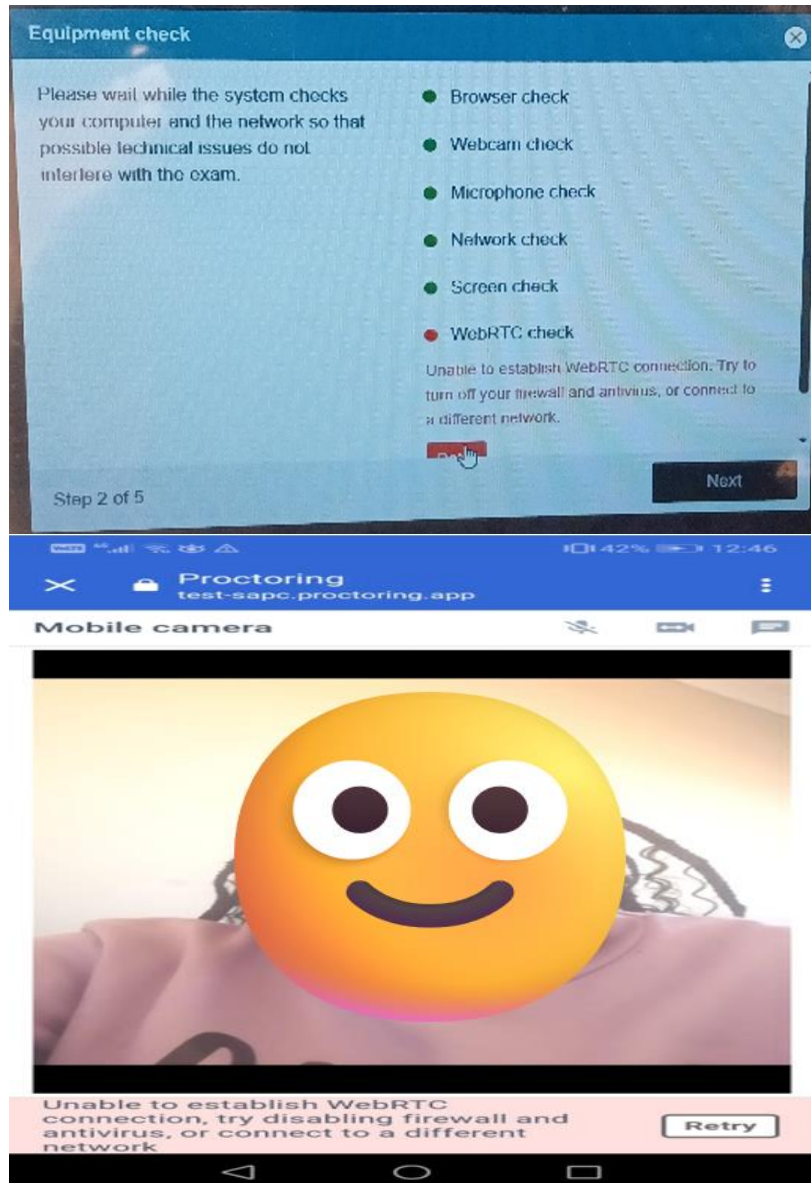
Start the exam

Only click on **“start the examination”** at 09h00 when the examination is scheduled to start. SAPC will communicate if there are any delays in starting the examination.



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Step 10: Read the Examination Instructions:



- Disable any VPNs, as these may interfere with WebRTC traffic.
- Check the browser extensions (like AdBlock) or proxy servers, which could also interfere. Disable them if any are in use.
- Try using a different network or device.
- Ensure you are not using any firewall or antivirus software that could block WebRTC traffic.



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Do not click [start the exam] until 9h00



Examination not started

Please wait for your invigilator to start the
examination

OK



Exam started

Your examiner has started the exam. You may
proceed

OK, thank you



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Step 11: Complete the End of Examination Declaration



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Examination Complete

- I confirm that I have completed the examination without assistance from any person and adhered to the code of conduct. I understand that if I am found to have contravened the code of conduct the SAPC will implement disciplinary action against me.
- I will not share or retain the contents of the examination via electronic, printed, written or verbal means with any person.

[Submit Examination](#)





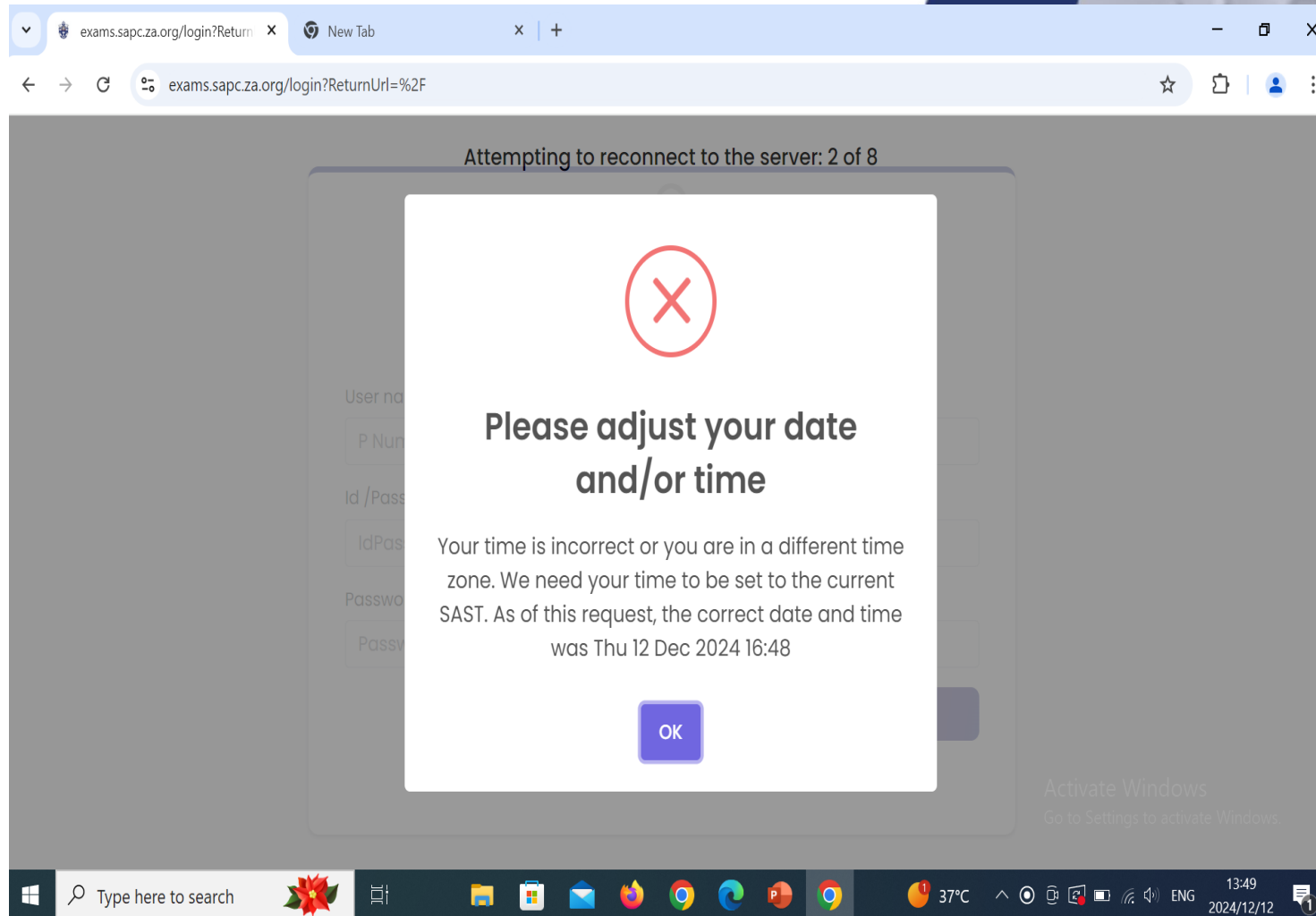
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Declaration for the Online/Remote EISA

END OF EXAMINATION

- I confirm that I have completed the examination without assistance from any person and adhered to the Examination Code of Conduct. I understand that if it is found that I have contravened the Examination Code of Conduct, the SAPC will implement disciplinary action against me in terms of Chapter V of the Pharmacy Act.
- I will not/ have not shared or retained the contents of the examination via electronic, printed, written or verbal means with any person.

Important Messages to Take Note of:



Attempting to reconnect to the server: 2 of 8

**Please adjust your date
and/or time**

Your time is incorrect or you are in a different time zone. We need your time to be set to the current SAST. As of this request, the correct date and time was Thu 12 Dec 2024 16:48

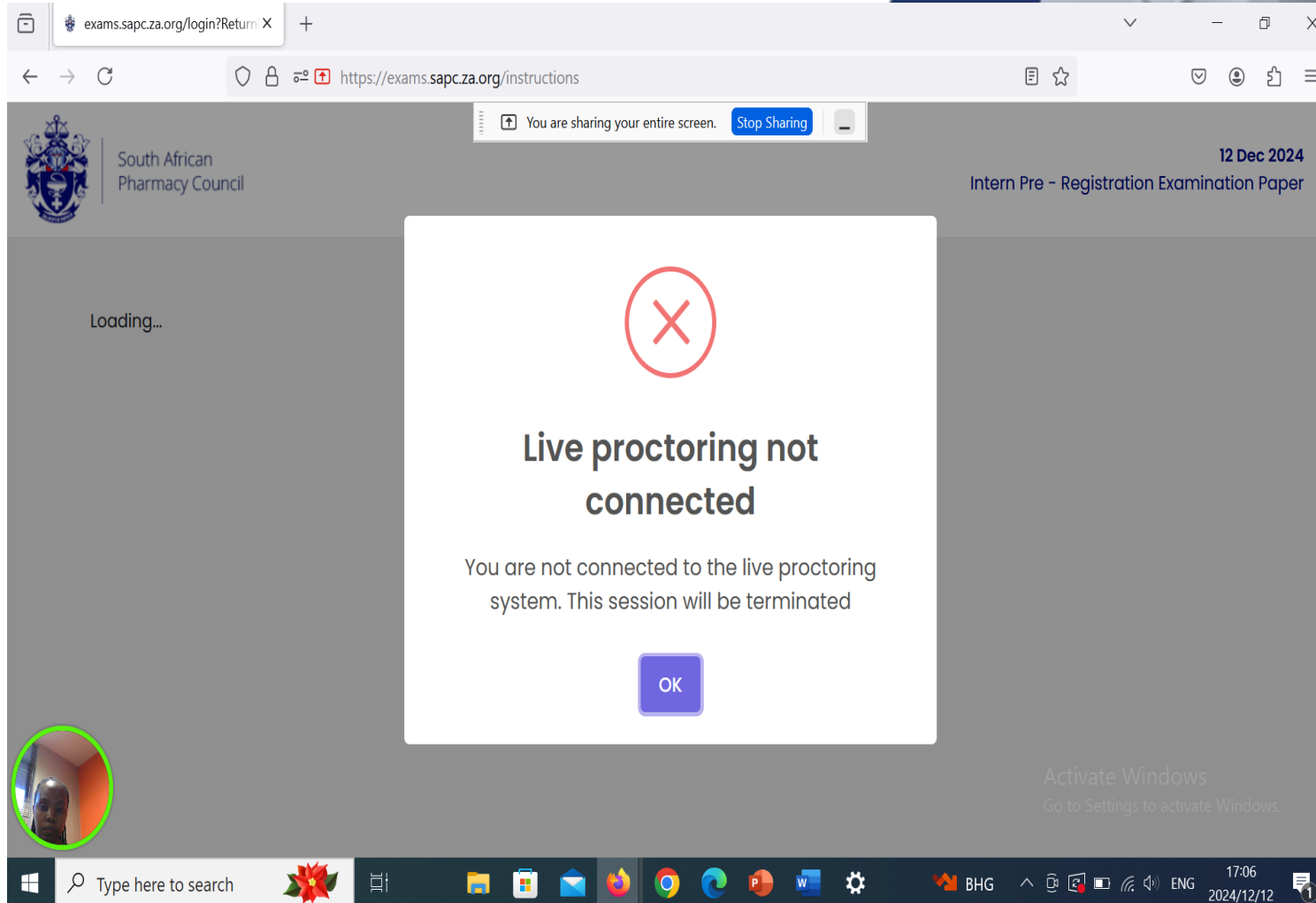
OK

Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows.

Type here to search

37°C 13:49 2024/12/12

Important Messages to Take Note of:



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://exams.sapc.za.org/instructions>. The page header includes the South African Pharmacy Council logo and the text "Intern Pre - Registration Examination Paper" dated "12 Dec 2024". A central white dialog box with a red 'X' icon displays the message: "Live proctoring not connected". Below this, it states: "You are not connected to the live proctoring system. This session will be terminated." and includes an "OK" button. A "You are sharing your entire screen. Stop Sharing" notification is visible at the top of the browser window. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 17:06 on 2024/12/12.



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Violation During Examination

Google to access
approved online
reference material

~~Google~~

- Any action undertaken by the candidate to gain unfair academic advantage.
- This may include cheating/copying and possession of unauthorised materials



There is conversation or background noise



Focus switched to a different window

No connection to mobile camera

Second display is used

Microphone muted or not working



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Examination Format:

- **One question per page:**
Cannot select which questions to answer first;
- Randomisation of questions.
- Timed examination.
- Cannot revisit any question that has been answered.
- Unanswered questions may be revisited at the end of the examination.





Single Best Answer Multiple Choice Questions

Time: 00:0-13:0-49

1 References

A prescription is written as follows:

Prednisone 10 mg tablets
Sig: 20 mg po BID x 2 days, then 20 mg po once daily x 2 days, then 10 mg po once daily x 2 days

How many tablets need to be dispensed in total?

- (a) 8
- (b) 10
- (c) 12
- (d) 14

Next Question Chat with invigilator

QUESTION (points to the question text)

OPTIONS (points to the list of choices)

ANSWER (points to the selected option (d) 14)



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FAQs: How Do I Submit the Examination ?

- Your answers are saved as you proceed through the exam. If you lose the WI-FI signal at any time, your answers are saved.
- Each answer is time-stamped and recorded on the examination platform.
- You may only revisit unanswered questions at the end of the exam.
- Once you press submit, you will no longer have access to ANY questions.



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FAQs:

When will you receive your results?

Can you view your exam paper?

Can my examination be remarked?



Examination Bookings



Examination Results



Practise Examinations



Examination

- Examination results will be released once the results have been moderated and approved by the Registrar.
- Results will be available online.

How to appeal examination results?

- You may apply online to review your examination (complete an application form and pay the applicable fee). You will be allowed to view the exam question and the answer you provided. The correct answer will be indicated. You may ask the facilitator for the reference or the steps to the calculation. You are permitted to make notes, however you may not take a copy or photos of the examination.
- You may not apply for a remark. The results have been checked and verified before release.
- You may submit an appeal against the exam results in writing to Council within 30 days after the results are released.

FAQs: What happens if I am unsuccessful at the examination?

- You may rewrite the examination at the next sitting.
- It is compulsory to re-write BOTH sections of the exam, regardless of whether you passed one section previously or not.

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

Submit AND be competent in six (6) Portfolios of Evidence

Complete the practice examination

The tutor must have submitted the relevant progress reports according to the intern's date of registration.

Invigilator Contacting Candidate Before Start of Exam:

1. Keep your cell phone next to you, ensure that it is fully charged and you have data.
2. The invigilator may call or send you a message on the cell phone number you have provided to SAPC.

FAQs:

Where can I get help during the exam?

Chat function:

- Type your question in the chat function.
- Your invigilator will respond via the chat.

WhatsApp:

- Send a message to the Pre-reg exam WhatsApp line (+27 76 341 8929).
- Keep calm – the invigilator will respond to your message (give him/her a few minutes to respond).





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FAQs:

Where should I sit for the exam?

- Ensure there is sufficient lighting (for example close curtains or blinds if sitting in front of a window);
- Test the lighting beforehand (take a selfie of yourself);
- Ensure the camera on your device and cell phone are working;
- Dress appropriately – videos and images taken form part of your permanent record;
- If the invigilator cannot see you, they will communicate this to you via the chat function.

FAQs: What to do if you experience load shedding / loss in electricity?

- Keep calm;
- Check your load shedding schedule and make an alternate plan;
- Ensure laptop is fully charged before the examination;
- Ensure alternative Wi-Fi connection (if you are using a fibre connection);
- If you are unable to find an alternate Wi-Fi connection, or if you need to be connected to power supply please find an alternative venue, **(may not be in a car)**;

NB! Notify us via the WhatsApp number.

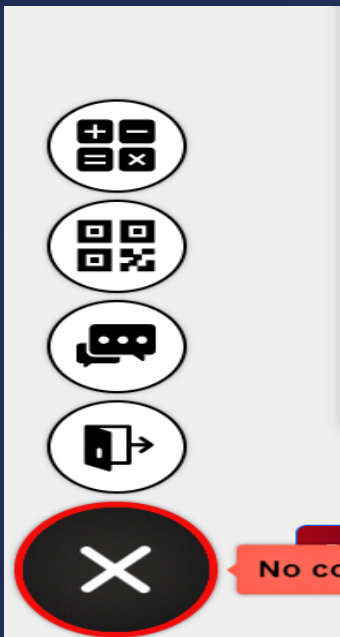
- If load shedding happens in the middle of the exam, your work will be saved.

Interns who were unsuccessful after their 1st attempt are encouraged to try a different booking venue with the SAPC venue as their first option if affected by connectivity



FAQs: What should I do if my invigilator notifies me that they cannot see me during the exam?

Scan the QR code again to ensure your smartphone is connected to the exam platform.



FAQs:

What should I do if disconnected and on login back a pop-up message “ This page was opened elsewhere” ?

Close ALL browsers and login again.



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FAQs:

Steps for clearing the cache/troubleshooting

Clear Cache on Google Chrome

Step 1: Open Google Chrome and click on the three (3) dots on the far right

Step 2: Go to settings

Step 3: Click on Privacy and Security

Step 4: Click on the Delete browsing data

Step 5: Select the time range (Recommended: last 24 hours) and click on delete. Restart Google Chrome, then try again.

Google Chrome incognito mode

Step 1: Click the three (3) dots

Step 2: Click on New Incognito window

Step 3: Access the exam



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FAQs:

Steps for clearing the cache/troubleshooting

Firefox clear cache:

Step 1: Click on the three (3) lines

Step 2: Click on Settings

Step 3: Click on Privacy and Security

Step 4: Scroll down and select Clear Data

Step 5: Choose a time range (Recommended everything) and click clear

Firefox Private window:

Step 1: Click on the three (3) lines

Step 2: Click New private window

Step 3: Access the exam in a private tab as a new session.



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FAQs:

Steps for clearing the cache/troubleshooting

Microsoft Edge Clear Cache:

Step 1: Click on the three (3) dots

Step 2: Click on Settings

Step 3: Click on the three (3) lines

Step 4: Click on privacy, search and services

Step 5: Scroll down and click on choose what to clear

Step 6: Choose a time range and click on clear

Microsoft Edge InPrivate window

Step 1: Click on the three (3) dots

Step 2: Click on the New InPrivate window

Step 3: Access the exam InPrivate



FAQs:

What should I do if I need to change exam venues?

All changes to the booking venue must be communicated to SAPC by email.

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FAQs: How is my internship evaluated?



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Evidence

Progress
reports

365 days of supervised practice

FAQs: Am I behaving in a professional and ethical manner?



Moving pharmacies for
more pay ;
Moving pharmacies for
better hours.



The pharmacy has
invested in you and your
internship;
You have taken an
internship position that
someone else could
possibly have had.



Is the grass ALWAYS greener on the other side??

FAQs:

Can I locum as a Pharmacy Technician?

Pharmacist Intern

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In terms of Regulation 5: A Pharmacist Intern may, for the purposes of education and training, provide or perform all of the services or acts pertaining to the scope of practice of a pharmacist, under the direct personal supervision of a pharmacist in a pharmacy.

In terms of Regulation 6: A Pharmacist Intern may provide or perform all the services or acts pertaining to the scope of practice of a pharmacist's assistant registered in the category (Pharmacy Technician), under the direct personal supervision of a pharmacist in a pharmacy.

1. Pharmacist Interns may locum, including academic interns.
2. Refer to the scope of practice for Pharmacist Interns as provided for in legislation.
3. Pharmacist Interns cannot be provided with a certificate stating that they are registered as a Pharmacy Technician.



FAQs:

Am I registered as a Pharmacy Technician when completing my 400 hours as an academic intern?

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1. Pharmacist Interns have the SAME scope of practice regardless of their sector of registration.
2. Refer to the scope of practice for Pharmacist Interns as provided for in legislation.
3. Academic interns completing their 400 hours may perform all of the services or acts pertaining to the scope of practice of a PHARMACIST under the direct supervision of a pharmacist while working in a community and/or hospital pharmacy.



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Where to find CSP information on the SAPC website?



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Pharmacy Student



Pharmacist Intern



Pharmacist



Responsible Pharmacist



Assessor / Moderator



Learner



Pharmacist's Assistant
Basic



Pharmacist's Assistant
Post-Basic



Pharmacy Technician



Pharmacy Owner



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Applying for Community Service:

- Interns are to apply online for community service on <https://icspinfo.dhmis.org/>
- The ICSP will facilitate placement of interns who have met all internship requirements for community service.
- Ensure that you meet the requirements.
- Further information to follow in the CSP workshop.





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4th National Pharmacy Conference (NPC)



**4TH NATIONAL
PHARMACY CONFERENCE**

The 4th National Pharmacy Conference will be held later this year under the following details:

Date: 11 – 13 October 2026

Venue: Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre Complex (commonly known as “Durban ICC”)

Theme: “A Glimpse into the Future: Advancing Pharmacy Towards 2050”

Visit: www.sapconference.co.za

Early Bird Registration closes 31 May 2026



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- SAPC WhatsApp Channel to share latest updates and announcements.
- This is not an interactive WhatsApp line, meaning you cannot send messages to us, but instead, you will be able to see the latest updates, i.e. *Board Notices*, *SAPC e-Notes*, etc.
- **Scan the QR Code to follow the channel**





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