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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Minister of Health has, in consultation with the South African Pharmacy Council, in terms of sections 33 and 34 of the Pharmacy Act, 1974 (Act 53 of 1974), as amended, made the regulations in the Schedule.

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1. Definitions.—In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates—

“Act” means the Pharmacy Act, 1974, (Act 53 of 1974), as amended, and regulations;

“additional qualification” means a qualification obtained as part of continuing professional development which is recognised by council for purposes of registration;

“assessor” means any pharmacist registered by council in accordance with criteria determined and published for this purpose by council to measure outcomes of pharmacy education and training;

“certificate of approval” means a certificate issued by council to a person or institution that complies with the criteria determined and published by council for the approval of providers;

“certificate of qualification”.....

[Definition removed by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

“community pharmacy” means a pharmacy wherein or from which some or all of the services as prescribed in regulation 18 of the Regulations Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy are provided to persons requiring pharmaceutical services, but excludes an institutional pharmacy;

“continuing professional development” means the process by which natural 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;

[Definition of “continuing professional development” substituted by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

“contract” means a written contract approved by the Council which lays down the conditions of the –

- (a) internship of a pharmacist intern;

- (b) in-service training of a pharmacist's assistant (learner basic) or pharmacist's assistant (learner post-basic); or
- (c) traineeship of a pharmacy technician (trainee);

[Definition of "contract" substituted by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

"direct personal supervision" means guidance and support provided by a pharmacist whilst physically present in a pharmacy and in accordance with rules relating to good pharmacy practice published in terms of the Act;

[Definition of "direct personal supervision" substituted by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

"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;

"institutional pharmacy" means a pharmacy situated in—

- (a) a public health facility wherein or from which some or all of the services as prescribed in regulation 18 of the Regulations Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy are provided to persons requiring pharmaceutical services, from or at that public health facility; or
- (b) a private health facility wherein or from which some or all of the services as prescribed in regulation 18 of the Regulations Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy are provided to persons requiring pharmaceutical services from or at that private health facility, but excludes a community pharmacy;

"manufacturing pharmacy" means a pharmacy wherein or from which some or all of the services as prescribed in regulation 16 of the Regulations Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy are provided and which shall sell medicine only to a wholesale pharmacy or a community pharmacy or an institutional pharmacy or to persons who are authorised to purchase medicines in terms of the Medicines Act or to an organ of State;

"Medicines Act" the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965), as amended;

"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;

[Definition of “pharmacist’s assistant” substituted by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

“pharmacy technician” means a natural person registered as such in terms of the Act;

[Definition of “pharmacy technician” inserted by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

“pharmacy technician (learner)” means a natural person registered as such in terms of the Act;

[Definition of “pharmacy technician (learner)” inserted by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

“pharmacy technician (student)” means a natural person registered as such in terms of the Act;

[Definition of “pharmacy technician (student)” inserted by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

“pharmacy technician (trainee)” means a natural person registered as such in terms of the Act;

[Definition of “pharmacy technician (trainee)” inserted by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

“pharmacist intern” means a person registered as such and who is undergoing an internship;

“primary care drug therapy” means diagnosing a health need, prescribing and supplying of medicine to meet the health needs of a patient or group of patients or, where necessary, the referral to another health care provider by a pharmacist who has received the necessary authorisation from the council;

“private health facility” means any hospital, institution or facility at which provision is made for diagnostic interventions, medical or surgical treatment, and nursing or other health care which is not owned or controlled by an organ of State;

“provider” means any person or institution approved by and registered with the Council in terms of the Act to provide education and training approved by the Council for purposes of:

- (a) registration as a pharmacist;
- (b) registration as a pharmacist’s assistant (basic), pharmacist’s assistant (post-basic) or pharmacy technician;
- (c) registration of a speciality;

- (d) continuing professional development;
- (e) supplementary training; or
- (f) a course determined by the Council in terms of the Medicines Act;

[Definition of "provider" substituted by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

"qualification in pharmacy"

[Definition removed by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

"public health facility" means any hospital, institution or facility at which provision is made for diagnostic interventions, medical or surgical treatment, and nursing or other health care which is owned or controlled by an organ of State;

"supplementary training" means training approved by council which empowers a registered person to perform acts or provide services, in terms of the Act or any other law, which fall outside the scope of practice of the category in which he or she is registered;

"traineeship" means practical training, as determined by the 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 the Council in terms of the Act for purposes of such training;

[Definition of "traineeship" inserted by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

"tutor" means a pharmacist registered with the 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);

[Definition of "tutor" substituted by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

"unit standards"

[Definition removed by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

"wholesale pharmacy" means a pharmacy wherein or from which some or all of the services as prescribed in regulation 17 of the Regulations Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy are provided and which shall sell medicine only to a wholesale pharmacy or a community pharmacy or an institutional pharmacy or to persons who are authorised to purchase medicines in terms of the Medicines Act or to an organ of State;

"work-based training" means education and training undertaken by a pharmacist's assistant (learner basic); pharmacist's assistant (learner post-basic), or pharmacy technician (learner) in a pharmacy under the auspices of a provider, as part of an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist's assistant (basic); pharmacist's assistant (post-basic), or pharmacy technician.

[Definition of "work-based learning" inserted by GN 4937 of 7 June 2024.]

CHAPTER I

STANDARDS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF PHARMACISTS

2. Education and training programmes for purposes of registration as a pharmacist shall be approved by the Council.

[Regulation 2 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

3. Only a provider that holds a certificate of approval for an education and training programme approved for purposes of registration as a pharmacist may provide such education and training.

[Regulation 3 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

4. An education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist must extend over a minimum period of four years; provided that if such programme includes practical training to the satisfaction of the Council of not less than one year or periods of not less than one year in the aggregate, as part of the undergraduate studies, under the supervision of the provider concerned, such programme must extend over a minimum period of five years.

[Regulation 4 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

5. Requirements and conditions for pharmacy internship.

- (1) A person who has completed an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist must, prior to registration as a pharmacist, undertake an internship in accordance with this Chapter for a period or aggregate period specified in subregulation (3);
- (2) The Council may exempt a person referred to in subregulation (1), partially or in full, from the requirement of subregulation (1) on submission of documentary evidence to the satisfaction of the Council that the person has undertaken other relevant practical training for a period or aggregate period equivalent to the period specified in subregulation (3).
- (3) The period of internship contemplated in subregulation (1) must be for a period or aggregate period of at least 12 months.

[Regulation 5 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

6. The internship contemplated in regulation 5 must be undertaken –

- (a) in terms of a contract;
- (b) under the direct personal supervision of a tutor;
- (c) in a community pharmacy, institutional pharmacy, manufacturing pharmacy, or wholesale pharmacy which provides a minimum number of services pertaining to the scope of practice of a pharmacist as may be determined by the Council in terms of the Act, and which is approved by the Council in terms of the Act for purposes of such training; or
- (d) at a provider who holds a certificate of approval for an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist.

[Regulation 6 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 7.** No person may commence internship unless –
- (a) such person has been registered as a pharmacist intern in terms of the Act;
 - (b) a contract has been entered into between the pharmacist intern and the tutor concerned;
 - (c) the pharmacy or provider at which the internship will take place has been approved by the Council in terms of section 34 of the Act; and
 - (d) the tutor has been registered as such.

[Regulation 7 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 8.** No pharmacist, pharmacy or provider of an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist, may employ any person as a pharmacist intern or in any other capacity which may imply or lead such person to believe that he or she is undertaking an internship, unless the requirements in regulations 6 and 7 have been complied with.

[Regulation 8 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 9.**

[Regulation 9 repealed by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 10.** An internship undertaken at a provider of an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist, or in a manufacturing pharmacy or wholesale pharmacy, must include a period of not less than 400 hours of practical training at a community or institutional pharmacy approved by the Council for such training in terms of the Act: Provided that-

- (a) the tutor, referred to in regulation 6(b), must –
 - (i) make arrangements for the keeping of the necessary records of such training; and
 - (ii) inform the Council of the community or institutional pharmacy where the practical training will be undertaken;
- (b) such periods of practical training must be undertaken on the basis of periods, each of which must be at least five consecutive days;
- (c) there is a pharmacist at the pharmacy where practical training is undertaken who must keep records of such training;

[Regulation 10 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 11.** No internship undertaken at a provider of an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist may be recognised in terms of the Act, unless the prospective tutor has submitted to the registrar –

- (a) full particulars of the proposed post-graduate study or research to be undertaken by the prospective intern and the post-graduate study or research has been approved by the Council in terms of the Act; and
- (b) documentary evidence that the prospective intern is registered at such provider for the post-graduate study or research referred to in subregulation (a).

[Regulation 11 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 12.** If an intern undergoing an internship at a provider of an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist, contemplated in regulation 11, discontinues his or her studies or research for any reason, or ceases to be registered at that provider, he or she must receive recognition only for the period of practical training duly completed at a community or institutional pharmacy referred to in regulation 10.

[Regulation 12 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 13.** The internship of a pharmacist intern at a provider of an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist, must be regarded as completed upon successful completion of the required period of practical training referred to in regulation 10 and the submission of documentary evidence to the registrar that the intern has satisfied the requirements of the provider for the awarding of at least a master's degree.

[Regulation 13 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

14. Cession of contract of pharmacy internship

A contract contemplated in regulation 6(a) may be ceded in the event of –

- (a) the death of a tutor, his or her conviction of a serious offence or suspension or removal of his or her name from the register of pharmacists during the contract;
- (b) the discontinuation of practice of the tutor or the resignation of the tutor from the pharmacy or provider approved for the internship of the pharmacist intern;
- (c) the closure of the pharmacy or provider approved for the internship of the pharmacist intern;
- (d) mutual consent of the tutor and the pharmacist intern for a reason which is acceptable to the registrar; or
- (e) any other reason the registrar may consider to be acceptable;

Provided that the period of internship undertaken by the pharmacist intern under the original tutor must be recognised by the Council for the purposes of internship and the prospective tutor accepts the delegation of the rights, obligations and interests in terms of such a contract.

[Regulation 14 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

15. Approval of the contract of cession.—

- (1) A pharmacist intern intending to cede a contract to another tutor must, at least seven days before such cession occurs, submit to the registrar –
 - (a) a duly completed application on a form, as approved and provided by the Council;
 - (b) a duly completed and signed contract of cession for the conducting of an internship approved and provided by the Council;
 - (c) documentary evidence –
 - (i) of the approval by the Council of the pharmacy or provider where the internship of the pharmacist intern will occur after cession of contract;
 - (ii) of the registration with the Council of the tutor under whose direct personal supervision such internship will take place;
 - (iii) where applicable, that he or she is registered at an institution approved as a provider of a course of study which will lead to the awarding of at least a master's degree; and
 - (iv) an affidavit by the previous tutor, where possible, affirming that partial internship was successfully performed.
- (2) The pharmacist intern contemplated in subregulation (1) must pay the cession fee as may be determined by the Council in terms of the Act.

[Regulation 15 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

16. Delegation of training by tutor.—

- (1) Subject to subregulations (2), (4) and (5), a pharmacist may not act as a tutor to more than one pharmacist intern at the same time.
- (2) A tutor practising in a pharmacy where other pharmacists practise on a full-time basis may act as a tutor to more than one pharmacist intern, in which event, the tutor may delegate the actual practical training of all such additional pharmacist interns to such other pharmacists, subject to subregulation (3).
- (3) In the event of subregulation (2) –
 - (a) there must be one pharmacist for each additional pharmacist intern;
 - (b) the tutor may not delegate the training of more than four pharmacist interns;
 - (c) the responsibility for the internship of all such pharmacist interns must remain with the tutor;
 - (d) the tutor must inform the Council, in writing, of a delegation or of any changes to such delegation; and
 - (e) the internship must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

- (4) A tutor may act as tutor to a second pharmacist intern when the pharmacist intern already under training with such tutor has completed his or her ninth month of internship.
- (5) A tutor at a provider of an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist, may, with the prior approval of the registrar, act as a tutor to no more than five pharmacist interns at the same time.

[Regulation 16 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

17. Assessment and completion of pharmacist internship

The tutor of a pharmacist intern must submit to the registrar –

- (a) assessment forms, obtainable from the Council, on the progress of the pharmacist intern during the period of internship; and
- (b) an affidavit, at the end of the period of internship, affirming that –
 - (i) the training has been completed satisfactorily in accordance with Council's requirements for internship;
 - (ii) the pharmacist intern is a fit and proper person to be registered as a pharmacist; and
 - (iii) where the internship has been completed at a provider of an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist, a manufacturing pharmacy or a wholesale pharmacy, proof that the period of 400 hours practical training in a community pharmacy or institutional pharmacy has been completed in accordance with all the necessary requirements.

[Regulation 17 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

18. Pre-registration evaluations

A person may be required to undertake a pre-registration evaluation, which may be conducted by the Council, as a pre-requisite for registration as a pharmacist in terms of the Act: Provided that if such person fails such evaluation, the Council may require –

- (a) the person to be re-evaluated at a time and date as may be determined by the Council; or
- (b) the person's period of practical training to be extended by an additional period as the Council may determine.

[Regulation 18 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

19.

[Regulation 19 repealed by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

CHAPTER II

STANDARDS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF PHARMACIST'S ASSISTANTS (BASIC) AND PHARMACIST'S ASSISTANTS (POST-BASIC)

- 20.** Education and training programmes for purposes of registration as a pharmacist's assistant (basic) or pharmacist's assistant (post-basic) shall be approved by the Council.

[Regulation 20 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 21.** Only a provider that holds a certificate of approval for an education and training programme approved for purposes of registration as a pharmacist's assistant (basic) or pharmacist's assistant (post-basic) may provide such education and training.

[Regulation 21 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 22.**

[Regulation 22 repealed by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 23.**

[Regulation 23 repealed by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 24. Evaluation of prior learning.** The Council may, when it is deemed necessary, provide for an evaluation of prior learning by which a person shall be assessed prior to registration in the category pharmacist's assistant (learner basic) or pharmacist's assistant (learner post-basic): Provided that the evaluation must be conducted in accordance with a procedure as determined by Council from time to time and on payment of the evaluation fee as determined by Council.

[Regulation 24 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 25.** A learning programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacist's assistant (basic) or pharmacist's assistant (post-basic), may be determined by a provider provided that a minimum period of twelve months of in-service training must be completed.

[Regulation 25 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 26. General requirements and conditions for in-service training.**

The in-service training referred to in regulation 25 must be undertaken—

- (1) at a community pharmacy, institutional pharmacy, manufacturing pharmacy or wholesale pharmacy approved by council for purposes of such in-service training; and
- (2) under the supervision of a tutor approved by council.

- 27.** No person must commence in-service training unless –

- (1) he or she is duly registered as a pharmacist's assistant in the category pharmacist's assistant (learner basic) or pharmacist's assistant (learner post-basic), as the case may be, in terms of the Act;
- (2) the pharmacy at which the in-service training will take place has been approved by the Council for such in-service training; and

- (3) the tutor has been registered as such.

[Regulation 27 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

28.

[Regulation 28 repealed by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 29.** No pharmacist must employ any person as a pharmacist's assistant (learner basic) or pharmacist's assistant (learner post-basic) or in any other capacity which may imply or lead such person to believe that he or she is undertaking a period of in-service training, unless the provisions of regulations 26 and 27 have been complied with and such pharmacy and pharmacist have been notified by the registrar in writing thereof.

- 30. Supervision of pharmacy support personnel undergoing in-service training.** A pharmacist may at the same time, act as the tutor to no more than three pharmacist's assistants (learner basic) or pharmacist's assistants (learner post-basic), per category or a combination thereof, undergoing in-service training.

[Regulation 30 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 31.** Notwithstanding regulation 30, the council may approve a written application for an increase in the ratio as stipulated in regulation 30: provided that—

- (1) each application is treated on its own merit;
- (2) the motivation for such application is to the satisfaction of the council;
- (3) any increase in the ratio approved by council shall apply in that specific circumstance or situation only and be subject to such conditions as council may determine.

- 32.** A provider approved to offer an education and training programme for purposes of registration as a pharmacist's assistant (basic) or pharmacist's assistant (post-basic), must, upon the successful assessment of the pharmacist's assistant in the said categories, submit to the registrar a notification of completion of such qualification, in a manner determined by the Council.

[Regulation 32 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 33.** A person may be required to undertake an assessment or evaluation, which may be conducted by the Council, as a prerequisite for registration in the category pharmacist's assistant (basic) or pharmacist's assistant (post-basic).

[Regulation 33 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

34.

[Regulation 34 repealed by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

CHAPTER III

STANDARDS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS

- 34A.** Education and training programmes for purposes of registration as a pharmacy technician shall be approved by the Council.

- 34B.** Only a provider that holds a certificate of approval for an education and training programme approved for purposes of registration as a pharmacy technician may provide such education and training.
- 34C.** (1) A person who has completed an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacy technician must, prior to registration as a pharmacy technician, undertake a traineeship contemplated in this Chapter for a period or aggregate period of six months.
- (2) The Council may exempt a person referred to in subregulation (1), partially or in full, from the traineeship requirement contemplated in subregulation (1) on submission of documentary evidence to the satisfaction of the Council that the person has undertaken work-based training as part of an education and training programme approved by the Council for purposes of registration as a pharmacy technician.
- 34D.** (1) The traineeship referred to in regulation 34C must be undertaken –
- (a) in terms of a contract;
- (b) under the direct supervision of a tutor;
- (c) in a community pharmacy, institutional pharmacy, manufacturing pharmacy or wholesale pharmacy which provides a minimum number of services pertaining to the scope of practice of a pharmacy technician, as may be determined by the Council in terms of the Act, and which is approved by the Council in terms of the Act for purposes of such training.
- (2) A traineeship undertaken in terms of subregulation (1)(c) in a manufacturing pharmacy or a wholesale pharmacy must include, as part of such traineeship, a period of not less than 200 hours of practical training at a community or institutional pharmacy approved by the Council in terms of the Act for such training: Provided that –
- (a) the tutor referred to in subregulation (1)(b) must –
- (i) make the arrangements for the keeping of necessary records of such training; and
- (ii) inform the Council of the community or institutional pharmacy where the practical training will be undertaken;
- (b) such periods of practical training must be undertaken at an approved community or institutional pharmacy and on the basis of periods each of which must be at least five consecutive days;
- (c) there is a pharmacist at the pharmacy where practical training is undertaken who must keep records of such training.
- 34E.** No person must commence a traineeship unless he or she is duly registered as a pharmacy technician (trainee) in terms of the Act.
- 34F.** No pharmacist or pharmacy may employ any person as a pharmacy technician (trainee) or in any other capacity which may imply or lead such person to believe that he or she is

undertaking a traineeship, unless the requirements in regulations 34D and 34E have been complied with.

34G. Cession of contract of traineeship

- (1) A contract contemplated in regulation 34D(1)(a) may be ceded in the event of –
- (a) the death of a tutor, his or her conviction of a serious offence or suspension or removal of his or her name from the register of pharmacists during the contract;
 - (b) the discontinuation of practice of the tutor or the resignation of the tutor from the pharmacy approved for the traineeship;
 - (c) the closure of the pharmacy approved for the traineeship;
 - (d) mutual consent of the tutor and the pharmacy technician (trainee) for a reason, which is acceptable to the registrar; or
 - (e) any other reason the registrar may consider to be acceptable;

Provided that the period of traineeship undertaken by the pharmacy technician (trainee) under the original tutor must be recognised by the Council for the purposes of traineeship and that the prospective tutor accepts the delegation of the rights, obligations and interests in terms of such a contract.

34H. Approval of contract of cession

- (1) A pharmacy technician (trainee) intending to cede a contract to another tutor must, at least seven days before such cession occurs, submit to the registrar –
- (a) a duly completed application on a form as approved and provided by the Council;
 - (b) a duly completed and signed contract of cession for the conducting of a traineeship approved and provided by the Council;
 - (c) documentary evidence –
 - (i) of the approval by the Council of the pharmacy where the traineeship of the pharmacy technician (trainee) will occur after cession of the contract;
 - (ii) of registration of the tutor under whose direct personal supervision such traineeship will take place;
 - (iii) in the form of an affidavit by the previous tutor, where possible, affirming that partial traineeship was successfully performed.
- (2) The pharmacy technician (trainee) contemplated in subregulation (1) must pay the cession fee as may be determined by the Council in terms of the Act.

34I. A pharmacist may act as a tutor to no more than one pharmacy technician (trainee) at a time, unless the pharmacy technician (trainee) already under training with such tutor has

completed his or her fifth month of traineeship, in which case the tutor may act as tutor to one other pharmacy technician (trainee) for the remainder of the traineeship period.

34J. Assessment and completion of pharmacy technician traineeship

- (1) The tutor of a pharmacy technician (trainee) must submit to the registrar –
 - (a) assessment forms, obtainable from the Council, on the progress of the pharmacy technician (trainee) during the period of traineeship; and
 - (b) an affidavit, at the end of the period of traineeship, affirming that –
 - (i) the training has been completed satisfactorily in accordance with Council's requirements for traineeship; and
 - (ii) the pharmacy technician (trainee) is a fit and proper person to be registered as a pharmacy technician.

34K. Pre-registration evaluations. A person may be required to undertake a pre-registration evaluation, which may be conducted by the Council, as a pre-requisite for registration as a pharmacy technician in terms of the Act: Provided that if a person requiring registration fails such evaluation, the Council may require –

- (a) such person to be re-evaluated at a time and date as may be determined by the Council; or
- (b) the person's period of traineeship to be extended by an additional period as the Council may determine.

34L. Evaluation of prior learning. The Council may, when it is deemed necessary by the Council, provide for an evaluation of prior learning by which a person shall be assessed prior to registration in the category pharmacy technician (learner): Provided that the evaluation must be conducted in accordance with a procedure as determined by the Council from time to time and on payment of the evaluation fee as determined by the Council.

[Regulations 34A – 34L inserted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

CHAPTER IV

REGISTRATION OF TUTORS AND APPROVAL OF PREMISES FOR PURPOSE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 35.** (1) A pharmacist who wishes to be registered as a tutor must submit to the registrar –
- (a) a duly completed application for registration as a tutor of persons undergoing an internship, traineeship or in-service training, on a form obtainable from the Council;
 - (b) in the case of a pharmacist who wishes to act as a tutor of a pharmacist intern, proof that he or she has been registered as a pharmacist for a period of at least three years, which period may include the performance of pharmaceutical community service; and

- (2) A pharmacist contemplated in subregulation (1) must:
 - (a) comply with the Regulations relating to continuing professional development;
 - (b) comply with any other conditions as determined by the Council from time to time; and
 - (c) pay the necessary application fee as may be determined by the Council in terms of the Act.

[Regulation 35 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 36. Approval of premises.**—Upon receipt of the application and the fee referred to in regulation 35, the registrar must within 14 days appoint an inspector to inspect the pharmacy or the provider: provided that an inspector appointed must—
- (1) be a pharmacist conversant with the practice of pharmacy;
 - (2) have been registered as a pharmacist for a period of not less than three years;
 - (3) not have a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the pharmacy or provider to be inspected; and
 - (4) in the case of an inspector appointed to inspect a provider be in possession of at least a master's degree in a pharmaceutical field of study.
- 37.** Such an inspector must, within 14 days of the receipt of the registrar's request, satisfy him- or herself by a physical inspection of such pharmacy or provider that it conforms to the minimum criteria determined by council for the training of pharmacist interns and pharmacists' assistants and must, within seven days, submit to the registrar a written report on a form as approved and provided by council.
- 38.** The responsible pharmacist or the pharmacist who applied for approval to act as tutor must co-operate fully with the inspector appointed by council and must assist him or her as may be necessary for him or her to carry out his or her inspection.
- 39.** A pharmacy or provider may be inspected whenever an application is made for an internship or in-service training to be undertaken at such pharmacy or provider.
- 40.** An inspector appointed by council must be remunerated by council in accordance with a fee as determined by council from time to time and reimbursed for his or her expenses.

CHAPTER V

APPROVAL OF PROVIDERS OF PHARMACY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 41.** (1) Any provider intending to provide education and training for purposes of—
- (a) registration as a pharmacist;
 - (b) registration as a pharmacist's assistant (basic), pharmacist's assistant (post-basic) or pharmacy technician;

- (c) registration of a speciality;
 - (d) continuing professional development;
 - (e) supplementary training; or
 - (f) a course determined by the Council in terms of the Medicines Act, must apply to the Council for approval.
- (2) The application contemplated in subregulation (1) must be made on an application form obtainable from the Council for such purpose.

[Regulation 41 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

42. Conditions for approval.—

- (1) Any provider contemplated in regulation 41 must be approved, subject to the following conditions—
- (a) providers of education and training for purposes of registration as a pharmacist may be approved for a maximum period of six years;
 - (b) providers of education and training for purposes of registration as a pharmacist's assistant (basic), pharmacist's assistant (post-basic) or pharmacy technician may be approved for a maximum period of five years; and
 - (c) providers of continuing professional development courses, supplementary training and courses determined in terms of the Medicines Act, may be approved for a maximum period of three years.
- (2) The pharmacy education and training programmes must be conducted in accordance with—
- (a) good pharmacy education standards;
 - (b) good pharmacy practice;
 - (c) the code of conduct as published by the Council in rules made in terms of the Act; and
 - (d) the provisions of other applicable legislation.

[Regulation 42 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

42A. Appointment and duties of designated pharmacist

- (1) A provider of pharmacy education and training must appoint and register a designated pharmacist.
- (2) The designated pharmacist must be responsible to the Council for complying with the provisions of the Act and other legislation relating to pharmacy education and training.
- (3) The designated pharmacist must –

- (a) ensure that the provider complies with all the requirements for approval including the payment of applicable fees;
- (b) ensure that learners registered with the provider have complied with all the requirements for registration;
- (c) furnish the registrar with information that the registrar may require from time to time;
- (d) participate in the decision-making process of the provider affecting pharmacy education and training;
- (e) notify the Council immediately upon receiving knowledge that his or her status as designated pharmacist has changed or will be changed;
- (f) inform the registrar of any instruction or order from the provider with regard to the pharmacy education and training which could amount to a contravention of legislation applicable to pharmacy;
- (g) take corrective measures in respect of deficiencies with regard to inspection reports emanating from monitoring and accreditation inspections; and
- (h) ensure that there is compliance with good pharmacy education standards and practice and the code of conduct as published by the Council in rules made in terms of the Act.

[Regulation 42A inserted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 43. Inspection of providers.**—The Council must inspect providers to measure compliance with the requirements determined by the Council for the provision of pharmacy education and training at intervals as determined by the Council from time to time.

[Regulation 43 substituted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 44.** A person(s) appointed by council to perform an inspection referred to in regulation 43 must—

- (1) be conversant with pharmacy education and training;
- (2) not have a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the provider to be inspected;
- (3) where applicable, provide documentary evidence to the satisfaction of the registrar of expert knowledge in an area being evaluated; and
- (4) have the minimum of a Master's degree.

[Regulation 44(4) inserted by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

- 45.** A person appointed to inspect a provider must submit a written report on a form as approved and provided by council to the registrar on the findings of the inspection within 30 days of the date of such investigation.

46. A person appointed to inspect a provider shall be remunerated by council in accordance with a fee as determined by council from time to time and reimbursed for his or her expenses.
47. The council may amend or withdraw the approval of a provider should it be determined, following an inspection by council, that the requirements determined by council for the provision of pharmacy education and training have not been adhered to, after—
- (1) giving due notice to the provider; and
 - (2) affording such provider an opportunity to furnish reasons why the approval of such provider should not be withdrawn.
48. The Council must publish the names of providers of education and training in terms of the Act.
49. **Approval of courses for purposes of continuing professional development.**—The council may approve courses for purposes of continuing professional development, subject to such conditions as the council may determine.

Repeal

The regulations published under Government Notice No. R.378 of 3 March 1978; Government Notice No. R.642 of 2 April 1982; Government Notice No. R.2794 of 23 December 1983; Government Notice No. R.1979 of 8 September 1985; Government Notice No. R.2047 of 13 September 1985 are hereby repealed.

Annexure A

[Annexure A repealed by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

Annexure B

[Annexure B repealed by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]

Annexure C

[Annexure C repealed by GN4937 of 7 June 2024]