



SAPC e-NOTE: APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AS COMMUNITY SERVICE PHARMACIST

Dear Pharmacist Intern, RP, Tutor and HOPs,

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In terms of Section 14A of the Pharmacy Act, 53 of 1974, following the completion of the Bachelor of Pharmacy qualification and the internship year, newly qualified pharmacists should perform one (1) year of remunerated community service. Once the internship requirements have been fulfilled and the Pharmacist Intern has been released from the internship, the Pharmacist Intern becomes eligible for registration as a pharmacist for the purpose of performing pharmaceutical community service (CSP).

The Office of the Registrar has begun the bulk release of Pharmacist Interns who have completed at least 350 practical training days of internship, provided they have met all other pre-registration evaluation requirements, including competence in CPD (i.e., successful in six (6) CPD entries), successful completion of the pre-registration examination, and submission of all progress reports.

Following the bulk release, the system will release interns daily as they become eligible. The system will revert to releasing interns only after they have completed at least 365 days in January 2025, provided the intern has met all other pre-registration requirements.

You are required to complete at least 365 days of your internship at your pharmacy of internship under an approved tutor and to ensure that you meet your full contractual obligations even after you have been released from internship by Council.

If you intend to commence with community service at the beginning of January 2025, you are advised to submit your application for registration as a community service pharmacist by **23 December 2025**. Applications submitted after **23 December 2025** will be processed in January 2025. Please note that your registration date will be determined by the date your **complete** application was submitted to Council or the community service commencement date indicated on the letter of appointment or CSP contract. Should there be any outstanding documents, your registration date will be the date the outstanding document(s) were received by Council should this date be later than the commencement date indicated on the letter of appointment or CSP contract.

Should you have any queries or need to submit documents after your online application has been submitted, please email csp@sapc.za.org.

For your convenience, an information sheet explaining how to register as a community service pharmacist is attached to this e-Note.

Yours sincerely,

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Registrar/CEO



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