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Dear Members of the Pharmacy Profession,

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The South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC) wishes to inform the profession that it has formally entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Council on Higher Education (CHE).

This agreement strengthens cooperation and coordination between SAPC and the CHE in matters relating to quality assurance, accreditation and the promotion of pharmacy education and training in South Africa. It recognises the complementary statutory mandates of the two councils and establishes a structured framework for collaboration in the public interest.

Through this MoA, the SAPC and CHE commit to working together to:

- Enhance the quality and relevance of pharmacy education and training;
- Clarify roles and responsibilities in programme accreditation and quality reviews;
- Reduce unnecessary duplication of quality assurance processes for higher education institutions; and
- Ensure that pharmacy graduates are competent, ethical and appropriately prepared for professional practice.

The agreement supports SAPC's mandate to uphold and safeguard standards in pharmaceutical education and training, while contributing to a coherent and effective higher education quality assurance system. Importantly, it reinforces the shared responsibility of regulators, higher education institutions and the profession to protect the public and promote patient-centred pharmaceutical care.

SAPC will continue to engage with the CHE and other stakeholders to implement this agreement and will communicate any further developments that may be relevant to pharmacy education providers, students and practitioners.

Yours sincerely,

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