

BOARD NOTICE 26 OF 2013

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)

THE ETHICAL RULES OF CONDUCT FOR PRACTITIONERS REGISTERED UNDER THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974: AMENDMENT

The Health Professions Council of South Africa has, in consultation with the professional boards under section 49(1) and in terms of 61A of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), made the rules in the schedule.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this Schedule, **“the Ethical Rules”** means the Ethical Rules of conduct for practitioners registered under the Health Professions Act, 1974, published by Government Notice No. R. 717 in Government Gazette 29079 of 4 August 2006, as amended by Government Notices Nos. R. 68 in Government Gazette 31825 of 2 February 2009 and R. 654 in Government Gazette 33400 of 30 July 2010, and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Ethical Rules shall have that meaning.

Amendment of rule 1 of the Ethical Rules

2. Rule 1 of the Ethical Rules is hereby amended:-

- (a) by the substitution for the definition of “canvassing” of the following definition:

““canvassing” means conduct which involves direct contact with prospective clients verbally or by, inter alia, distributing letters, pamphlets, circulars or other means of communication including printed or electronic communication, in which attention is drawn to one’s personal qualities, superior knowledge, quality of service, professional guarantees or best practice in order to secure the prospective clients’ custom;”

- (b) by the substitution for the definition of “touting” of the following definition:

“**touting**” means, but is not limited to, conduct which draws attention, either verbally or by means of printed or electronic media, to one’s offers, guarantees or material benefits that do not fall in the categories of professional services or items, but are linked to the rendering of a professional service or designed to entice the public to the professional practice;”

Amendment of rule 4 of the Ethical Rules

3. Rule 4 of the Ethical Rules is hereby amended by the substitution for sub-rule (1) of the following sub-rule:

“(1) A practitioner shall print or have printed on letterheads, account forms, and electronic stationery, information pertaining to such practitioner’s -

- (a) name;
- (b) profession;
- (c) registered category;
- (d) speciality or subspeciality or field of professional practice (if any);
- (e) registered qualifications or other academic qualifications or honorary degrees in abbreviated form;
- (f) registration number;
- (g) addresses (including email address);
- (h) telephone and fax numbers;
- (i) practice or consultation hours;
- (j) practice code number; and

(k) dispensing licence number (if any)."



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