
Media Statement

PARTICIPATION IN STRIKE ACTION EMERGENCY CARE PROVIDERS

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) has a responsibility to ensure that it protects the public and guides the professions. As a regulatory body with a legislative mandate to protect the public and guide the Emergency Care profession, the Professional Board for Emergency Care emphatically condemns any strike action by Emergency Care Providers.

Emergency Care Providers are reminded that emergency care is an essential service and therefore, it is not permissible for Emergency Care Providers to participate in any strike action. The Professional Board for Emergency Care views this as a very serious offence and Emergency Care Providers involved in strike action will face charges of unprofessional and unethical conduct.

The Board condemns any action, that would through neglect, put the lives of the citizens of South Africa at risk.

About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) also known as Council is a statutory body established under the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974. The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

The HPCSA is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects pertaining to education, training and registration, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and indirectly guiding the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

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