

# PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY, PODIATRY AND BIKINETICS

## GUIDELINES FOR THE RESTORATION OF NAME TO THE REGISTER

The following professionals suspended from the register either due to voluntary erasure in terms of the Health Profession's Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) Section 19 (1)(c); or due to non-payment of Annual Fees in terms of the Health Profession's Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) Section 19 (1)(d); are eligible to apply for restoration of name to the register:

BK - Biokineticist  
CH - Podiatrist  
PT - Physiotherapist  
PTT - Physiotherapy Technician  
PTA - Physiotherapy Assistant

A practitioner erased from the registered must:

1. Duly complete the PPB Application for Restoration Form (Form 18).
2. Submit proof of payment of application fees and any other outstanding fees.
3. Submit a CPD record of at least 60 CEUs (continuous education units) which include ten for ethics obtained within the 24-month period prior to application.
4. Submit a valid BLS Level 1 certificate including CPR and AED protocols **OR** a First Aid Level 2 certificate.
5. Certified documentary evidence regarding further undergraduate and/or postgraduate studies since erasure from the register (if applicable); and
6. If the applicant was registered outside South Africa since the erasure of his/her name from the register, an original Certificate of Status (Certificate of Good Standing issued by the foreign registration authority (not older than three months).

Refer to the table below for additional requirements. Depending on the duration since erasure the following additional requirements apply:

**Categories A, B and C** require **CPD compliance** (as is the requirement for annual registration renewal).

**Category B:** also requires a period of supervisory practice and a portfolio **OR** the applicant can choose to participate in Board (theory and clinical) Examinations. These are written twice a year (April/May and Sept/Oct) and consist of theoretical and clinical components.

An applicant may have one additional opportunity should he/she be unsuccessful in these examinations. The applicant may also choose to complete the supervisory practice period and portfolio if unsuccessful in the examinations.

**Category C** must first pass Board Theory Examinations **AND** complete a period of supervisory practice and a portfolio. These applicants have a maximum of 3 opportunities to pass the theory exams.

Category	The period since last registered	CPD compliance	Additional Requirements
<b>A</b>	< 2 years	Standard restoration (includes compliant CPD status)	N/A
<b>B</b>	2 years - 5 years	60 CEUs which include 10 for ethics obtained within the 24-month period prior to application. Applicants are to NOTE that a variety of topics, including formats (article vs short course vs workshops online AND in person) is required to be considered CPD compliant)	A min of <b>800hrs</b> supervised practice* must be completed within 6-12 months prior to the date of final restoration; & <b>Completed a Portfolio of Evidence</b> (template attached) <b>OR</b> Pass Board Theory and Clinical examinations
<b>C</b>	> 5 years	60 CEUs (continuous education units) which include 10 for ethics obtained within the 24-month period prior to application. Applicants are to NOTE that they must have attended at least one (or more) <b>face-to-face practice skills course / short learning program.</b>	Pass Theoretical Board Examinations <b>AND</b> Complete 800hrs supervised practice within 6-12 months prior to the date of final restoration; & Complete a <b>Portfolio of Evidence</b> (template attached)

\* “Supervised practice” implies that the applicant is not allowed to practice independently or privately in his or her own practice. This period offers the applicant an opportunity to update and/or upskill his or her clinical without having to participate in board exams.

The supervisor:

- must be a registered practitioner from the same profession.
- be registered with the HPCSA.
- have worked a minimum of three years in South Africa immediately prior to the supervision period.
- provide supervision for the full duration of the supervisory period.
- must assess the applicant and complete a report commenting on the applicant’s readiness to return to independent practice.

**Upon receipt of a satisfactory report (Form 18 PPB Portfolio of Evidence) by Category B & C applicants and a satisfactory report from the supervisor, his or her name will be restored to the category of registration that applied prior to the erasure of his or her name from the register.**