

TO ALL REGISTERED DIETITIANS

Professional Board for Dietetics and Nutrition

Department: EXECUTIVE COMPANY
SECRETARIAT
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MS ROSINA MAFETSA
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Dear Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms

THE PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR DIETETICS AND NUTRITION HEREBY CALL FOR CVs OF DIETITIANS THAT ARE INTERESTED AND WILLING TO SERVE IN PHASE 3 OF THE SCHEDULED NUTRITION PRODUCTS PRESCRIBING RIGHTS TASK TEAM. PHASE 3 ENTAILS VIGOROUS ENGAGEMENT WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS AND DETAILED CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) in conjunction with its 12 Professional Boards, is committed to protect the public as well as guide and regulate the health professions in the country. The Professional Boards are coordinating bodies for all the healthcare practitioners registered with HPCSA and are established for a specific profession, to deal with any matters relating to a specific profession.

Background/context in terms of established Scheduled Enteral and Parenteral Product Prescription Guide Task Team:

- Dietitians and Nutritionists are regarded as experts in nutrition, as a result they are involved in the provision of expert nutrition advice/counselling to the healthy and those affected or infected by diseases.
- Today the field of nutrition is flooded with nutrition products that are to be administered orally and/or via enteral tube or parenterally. The difference between nutritional products and pharmaceutical products is becoming difficult to identify, as many products are said to give pharmaceutical benefits and nutritional benefits at the same time. Some of these products require to be administered at high dosages to realize the benefits. This blurred line has necessitated the development of guidelines to help health care professionals know which products Dietitians can prescribe and for which benefits/purpose.
- Nutrition solutions that are administered parenterally are particularly affected by the review of legislation by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAPHRA). The review is understood to be preventing dietitians and nutritionists from prescribing these solutions by rescheduling them.

The applicants must be in possession of the following:

- *Currently registered with HPCSA*
- *Actively involved in the field of Critical Care Nutrition*
- *More than 5 years practical experience in the field of Critical Care Nutrition*
- *CPD compliance*
- *Any of the following will be an added advantage.*
 - o *Working in Academia*
 - o *Understanding of Health Economics*
 - o *Familiar with the laws, regulations governing scheduled substances.*

In addition to the above the applicant must possess the following skills:

- *Good oral and written communication skills*
- *Presentation skills*
- *Persuasive skills*
- *Ability to engage stakeholders outside the field of Nutrition.*

All interested Dietitians are requested to submit application letter, together with detailed Curriculum Vitae to the Professional Board for Dietetics and Nutrition at PRTTDNB@hpcsa.co.za

The envisaged term of office for Phase 3 will be 12 - 18 months, which will coincide with the end of term of office of the current Board.

We would appreciate to receive the CVs on or before Friday 24 May 2024.

Yours Sincerely,



MS LENORE SPIES

CHAIRPERSON: PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR DIETETICS AND NUTRITION