

Media Statement

UPDATE ON THE BACKLOG OF FOREIGN QUALIFIED DOCTORS BOARD EXAMINATIONS

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For immediate release

Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) regrets the delay in arranging the Board medical examinations. The Medical Board examinations were previously managed by an external service provider on behalf of the Medical and Dental Professional Board. The contract with the previous service provider has since expired.

“The appointment of the new service provider was a lengthy process, however I am pleased to announce that a new contract has been signed with the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN) to manage the HPCSA Medical Board Examinations for the next three (3) years”, said Dr Magome Masike, HPCSA Registrar.

The first round of examinations will be held as follows:

- Theory exams: **25 October 2023** (to be held at undergraduate Lan, 2nd floor, UKZN Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, Umbilo Road)
- Practical exams/OSCE: Between **05 and 08 December 2023** (to be held at the Skills Laboratory, George Campbell building, Howard College campus, Rick Turner Road).

Applicants who meet the requirements will be invited to sit for the set examination soon.

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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 of education, training and registration, professional conduct, and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

To safeguard the public and guide 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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