

Media Statement

HPCSA EMBARKS ON A ROADSHOW FOR KZN-BASED PRACTITIONERS REGISTERED WITH THE PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR OPTOMETRY AND DISPENSING OPTICIANS

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Pretoria – The Professional Board for Optometry and Dispensing Opticians (PBODO), under the ambit of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), will host a physical stakeholder engagement roadshow at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Umhlanga, Durban on Wednesday, 06 March 2024.

In line with the organisational strategic objectives aimed at enhancing the relationship between Council and healthcare practitioners, the stakeholder engagement programme is designed to foster meaningful communication and interaction with students and practitioners registered with the Board.

The roadshow will provide practitioners with vital updates on the profession, including current and future Board's activities, international trends and best practices, ethical rules, and professional guidelines. Furthermore, practitioners will receive guidance on important topics including registrations, complaints handling and investigation as well as preliminary inquiries.

Ms Yurisa Naidoo, Chairperson of the Professional Board for Optometry and Dispensing Opticians, emphasises the importance of practitioner attendance at the upcoming roadshow. Participation is essential for staying updated on regulatory developments and participating in important discussions regarding professional matters and the scope of practice.

“The event is CPD accredited and allows attendees to earn Continuing Educational Units (CEUs) that are vital for fulfilling the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirement for all registered health practitioners”, Naidoo concludes.

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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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