

Media Statement

HPCSA INSPECTORATE OFFICE NABS UNREGISTERED PRACTITIONERS IN THE NORTHERN CAPE

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa's (HPCSA) Inspectorate Office has made significant strides in addressing illegal and unregistered medical practitioners across the country. Recent enforcement actions in the Northern Cape have led to the arrests of individuals practising without valid registration, reinforcing the HPCSA's commitment to maintaining professional standards in healthcare.

During an inspection at the medical practice of Dr Tebogo Kgoa in Postmansburg, the HPCSA officials discovered Mr Vincent Ngubane practising as a locum, despite his registration with the Council having been suspended since 2015. Mr Ngubane reported that he began working for Dr Kgoa in August 2024. He was subsequently arrested and detained at Postmansburg SAPS for contravening Section 17(1) of the Health Professions Act, No. 56 of 1974. Dr Kgoa, a registered dentist, will be reported to the Medical and Dental Board for employing Mr Ngubane while his registration is suspended.

In a separate incident, Mr Lungelo Khumalo was found practising as a dental assistant at the practice of Mr Aubrey Mkhize in Maruping village, Kuruman, despite not being registered with Council. Mr Khumalo was detained at Batlharos police station for contravening the Health Professions Act. Mr Mkhize, a registered dental therapist, will be reported to the Medical and Dental Board for employing an unregistered individual.

The HPCSA remains dedicated to protecting the public by ensuring that only qualified and registered professionals provide healthcare services. These enforcement actions underscore Council's commitment to upholding professional ethics and safeguarding the integrity of the healthcare system.

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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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