

Media Statement

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HPCSA statement relating to the suspension of the Registrar/CEO Dr David Motau

The Acting Minister of Health, Ms Mmamoloko Kubayi has placed the HPCSA Registrar/CEO Dr David Motau on precautionary suspension. The decision follows the Department of Health and the HPCSA 's receipt of a notice of arrest against Dr Motau.

“Dr Motau 's arrest relates to his tenure as a Head of Department of Health at the Free State province. The HPCSA has noted the decision of the Acting Minister of the Department of Health. We support organs of state in the execution of their duties”, said Prof Simon Nmutandani, President of the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

Dr Motau has been appointed as the HPCSA Registrar/CEO in June 2021. At the time of his appointment, the HPCSA was not aware of any possible charges which could be pressed against him.

The Health Professions Council of South Africa will provide updates should there be further developments on this matter.

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

In order to safeguard the public and guiding 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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