

Media Statement

FAKE HPCSA LETTERS

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Pretoria –The Inspectorate Office within the ambit of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) was established in 2015 entirely to focus on its primary role of ensuring that the registered healthcare practitioners comply with the provisions of the Act, as well as all rules and regulations governing the practitioners.

The HPCSA would like to make practitioners aware of an alleged “Hawks’ investigator” that is targeting foreign registered practitioners by claiming that they are being investigated and threatening them with fake HPCSA letters, which state that they are under investigation and thereby demanding money not to be arrested.

Council is currently collating all the information and will report the matter to the South African Police Service (SAPS). Practitioners who have fallen victim to this alleged Hawks’ investigator are urged to report the matter to the police and verify any letters that have been received from the Inspectorate Office.

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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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