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To Heads of Departments – Psychology and Internship Training Sites

WRITING OF NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATION PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE TO BE EFFECTIVE ON 1 JANUARY 2020

Kindly be advised that the Professional Board for Psychology at its recent meeting resolved that in future, Intern Clinical Psychologists will be required to write and successfully pass the National Board Examination prior to commencement with Community Service.

Practitioners can only be registered as fully qualified professionals, once they have complied with all the academic, clinical training and registration requirements as determined by the Board. Once an intern has completed the compulsory internship, the successful passing of the National Board Examination is a further requirement for registration purposes with the HPCSA. In the case of Clinical Psychologists, they are registered in terms of Community Service (Public Service) and not under supervision.

On completion of the period of Community Service, a practitioner will apply for registration in terms of Independent Practice which will enable the person to enter into independent or private practice.

You are kindly requested to disseminate this communication to all Clinical Psychology Interns and students in order to comply with this requirement as from January 2020 and use the National Board Examination opportunities available before being registered for Community Service.

Further queries may be directed to Ms Hilda Baloyi at Hildab@hpcsa.co.za or the HPCSA Registration Division at Registration@hpcsa.co.za

Yours faithfully.



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