

PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR PSYCHOLOGY

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Dear psychologist

REGULATIONS DEFINING THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF PRACTITIONERS OF THE PROFESSION OF PSYCHOLOGY: PROPOSED REGULATION NO. R. 263

Please be informed that the proposed regulation has not yet been promulgated, nor has its regulation been included in a relevant Government Gazette. As yourself, the Board is eagerly awaiting the promulgation. It is envisaged that the new scope of practice will provide for a clear delineation of psychologists' activities, yet be sufficiently flexible to be perceived as non-restrictive. We are confident that the promulgation is imminent.

It is an unambiguous intention of this Board to actively interact with members of the profession following the promulgation. The Board is formulating a comprehensive partner (stakeholder) engagement strategy to be implemented once promulgation has been finalised. Actions that will emanate from this will include:

1. guidance from the Board in the interpretation and operationalisation of the scope of practice,
2. opportunities to provide the Board with comments regarding the new scope, and
3. interaction with primary partners, i.e. universities' departments of psychology, internship training institutions, organisations that employ psychologists, and formally constituted professional associations.

The Board has of late received a number of submissions relating to the scope of practice from individual practitioners and other informal groupings. If you have made such a submission, either in your personal capacity or as member of a grouping, you are welcome to contact us. We will afford you the opportunity to engage with the Board in a professional manner at a time and place convenient to all. The same would apply should you be of the opinion that the information contained in this letter does not adequately address your needs, or should you have urgent matters you wish to bring to the Board's attention. Please address enquiries of this nature to the Board Manager, Mr Emmanuel Chanza, at emmanuelc@hpcsa.co.za

Sincerely



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