

**TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS OF
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PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR PSYCHOLOGY

Department: Executive Company Secretariat

Division: Professional Board for Psychology

Date: 8 May 2020

Dear Professional / Intern / Student,

POSTPONEMENT OF THE PSYCHOLOGY NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATION – 3 JUNE 2020

The President of the Republic of South Africa declared a National State of Disaster as a response to contain the spread of the pandemic in the country following the outbreak of COVID-19. The declaration of the state of National Disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act (No 57 of 2002), is regarded a national emergency and has posed challenges to practitioners registered in terms of the Health Professions Act 1974 and other health statutory councils which the regulatory framework accommodates.

In order to address these challenges, the HPCSA issued guidelines in response to COVID-19 and the application of the existing Regulations, Rules and Guidelines under the Act that allow for limited flexibility in the response to the pandemic.

The limitation imposed on travel and gatherings, the inability to ensure the safety of candidates and the inability to secure safe and secure venues are huge challenges faced by the Board. In keeping with the guidelines set out by the HPCSA, the Executive Committee, at a special meeting, discussed and noted the impact of the current State of Disaster as well as the restrictions associated with the lock down regulations on the forthcoming Board Examinations and resolved that the National Board Examination scheduled for 3 June 2020, be postponed until further notice.

You will be updated on the Board Examinations based on developments and the conditions enforced by the National State of Disaster.

Yours faithfully,



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