



# The Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa

Ensuring quality complementary and alternative healthcare of choice

## **SUPPLEMENTARY COURSE TO OBTAIN A DISPENSING AND COMPOUNDING LICENCE**

Subject to the provisions of section 22C of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, Act 101 of 1965 read together with Regulation 18 of the same Act, practitioners are required to apply for a compounding and Dispensing Licence from the Director-General of the Department of Health.

The legislation provides that Dispensing and Compounding Licence shall only be issued upon successful completion, by a practitioner, of a supplementary course approved by the South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC).

Due to the small number of practitioners required to do the course, only the University of Pretoria has been offering the course. The University of Pretoria has, however, not applied for the re-accreditation of the course with the SAPC and it now appears doubtful that it will offer the course in future.

As a result of the above, recent graduates as well as current students will be unable to comply with the requirements for obtaining a Dispensing and Compounding Licence.

The AHPCSA has informed the Durban University of Technology, University of the Western Cape and University of Johannesburg about the position with regard to the supplementary course that was offered by the University of Pretoria and has requested these institutions to consider the introduction of a Compounding and Dispensing course so as to enable the practitioners to obtain the Compounding and Dispensing Licence.

The AHPCSA is confident that a provider will be sought for the provision of this course, however, due to the process involved for a course to be approved, this might take considerable time.

The AHPCSA will be in contact with recent and future graduates as well as all practitioners who can demonstrate that they were unable to comply with the legislative requirements of obtaining the Dispensing and Compounding Licence for reasons stated above.

Yours faithfully,

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