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HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

REGULATIONS RELATING TO INDEMNITY COVER FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS

The Minister of Health intends, in terms of sections 61(1)(c) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Development), within one month of the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning, and, unless the context otherwise indicates -

"board" means the Professional Board for Psychology established in terms of section 15(1) of the Act:

"indemnity cover" means a financial insurance cover provided by recognised providers, in terms of the relevant Insurance Act, against which aggrieved patients may lodge claims for mal-practice;

"psychologist" means a person registered as such under the Act;

"section" means a section of the Act; and

"the Act" means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974).

Requirements for indemnity cover

- A practicing psychologist, registered in the category independent practice, must obtain a
 professional indemnity cover, which must be fully maintained at all times.
- 2. A psychologist referred to in regulation 1, must provide the board with documentary proof and details of such professional indemnity cover, on an annual basis.
- Any psychologist who practises in contravention of regulation 1, commits an unprofessional conduct that may lead to an enquiry in terms of Chapter IV of the Act.

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