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HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (Health Professions Act, No. 56 of 1974)

RULES RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF FEES FOR ACCREDITATION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OFFERED BY EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974

The Health Professions Council of South Africa intends, under section 61A(1)(e) read with section 16 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974) as amended by Act 29 of 2007, to make the rules in the schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations in writing on the proposed rules to the Registrar, Health Professions Council of South Africa, P.O. Box 205, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the General Manager: Professional Boards) within three months from date of publication of this Notice.

SCHEDULE

1. In this Schedule "the Act" means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No.56 of 1974) as amended by Act 29 of 2007, and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have that meaning, and, unless the context otherwise indicates-

"accreditation" have a corresponding meaning to the word "accredit" as defined in the Act;

"board" means a professional board established under section 15 of the Act;

"education and training" means the contents of a curriculum in relation to a course of study towards a qualification offered by an education and training institution;

"education and training institution" means an institution or facility which offers or provides any education and training having as its object to qualify any person for the practising of any health profession to which the provisions of the Act apply or

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performance of any act defined as an act which pertains to the scope of a registered profession under the Act; and

"programme" means a particular course of study in a profession, towards an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification prescribed for registration of persons in a registered profession under the Act.

- 2. (1) The fees payable to Council for accreditation of education and training offered by any education and training institution shall be as follows:-
 - Application for accreditation of a new programme (a) R 50 000.00;
 - Review of existing programmes (after every 5 years) (b) R 50 000.00;
 - Repeat or follow-up investigation where evidence of (c) non-compliance with conditions of accreditation is found R 30 000.00; and
 - (d) Restoration of accreditation after withdrawal by the board R 50 000.00
 - (2) The fees referred to in sub-rule (1) (a) and (d) shall be payable on submission of an application for accreditation of a new programme or for restoration of a withdrawn accreditation.
 - (3) The fees referred to in sub-rule (1) (b) shall be payable within 30 days from date of the review of the existing programme.
 - (4) The fee referred to in sub-rule (1) (c) shall be payable within 30 days from date of receipt, by the educational and training institution, of a report indicating evidence of non-compliance with the conditions of accreditation.

3. The board may suspend or withdraw an accreditation of education and training offered by an education and training institution if the fee referred to in rule 2 (1) (b) and (c) is not paid within the stipulated time period.

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