

BOARD NOTICE 124 OF 2008**Health Professions Council of South Africa****NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS****NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR OPTOMETRY AND DISPENSING OPTICIANS**

- (1) Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of the Regulations relating to the nomination and appointment of members of a professional board, calling upon all persons registered with the **Professional board for Optometry and Dispensing Opticians** to submit nominations of **eight (8)** members of such board to be appointed by the Minister to serve on the board for a period of five (5) years commencing on a date to be determined by the Minister by Notice in the Gazette.
- (2) Nominations are specifically invited in the following categories:-
 - (a) six (6) optometrists, of whom at least five (5) shall be from designated groups and at least two shall be women, who shall be nominated by persons with registered postal addresses in the Republic and whose names appear in the register of optometrists
 - (b) two (2) dispensing opticians, of whom at least one shall be from designated groups, who shall be nominated by persons with registered postal addresses in the Republic and whose names appear in the register of dispensing opticians;
- (3) Any person whose name appears on the relevant register or registers kept under section 18 of Act 56 of 1974-
 - (a) who has not entered into a composition with the creditors of his or her estate, or whose estate has not been sequestrated;
 - (b) who is not disqualified under the Act from practising his or her profession;
 - (c) who is registered with the council under the Act;
 - (d) who is a South African citizen and is permanently resident in South Africa;
 - (e) who is not a patient as defined in section 1 of the Mental Health Act, 1973;
 - (f) who has not been found guilty of improper or disgraceful conduct at an inquiry held under Chapter IV of the Act;

- (g) who has not been convicted of an offence in respect whereof he or she was sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine or in the case of fraud, a fine or imprisonment;
- (h) who is not a member of a municipal council, provincial legislature or parliament; or
- (i) who is not a provincial or national office bearer or employee of any party, organization or body of a political nature,

is eligible for nomination.

- (4) Each nominee must be nominated on a separate nomination form, and any person entitled to nominate in the nomination process shall only nominate and sign up to three nomination forms for any number of nominees to be appointed.
- (5) Each nomination form must -
 - (a) state the first names and the surname of the person nominated;
 - (b) state the nominee's registered profession and professional category, if any;
 - (c) state the other details of the nominee as required in the nomination form, including a brief curriculum vitae of the nominee and a written motivation by the nominee outlining his or her vision for the profession, contribution he or she made to the profession and future contribution he or she intends to make towards the development of the profession, including his or her actual or potential leadership qualities and the ability to assume the responsibilities and functions entrusted under the Act;
 - (d) be signed by two persons whose names appear in the register or registers referred to in paragraph (2) above; and
 - (e) be signed by the nominee confirming that he or she consents to his or her nomination, while also declaring under oath, that he or she will execute the functions of the council and ensure adherence to the Act and any other applicable prescript if appointed.
- (6) If the person nominated is unable to sign the nomination form, he or she may inform the returning officer by letter or facsimile transmission that he or she consents to his or her nomination and attach the required declaration under oath.
- (7) Nominations forms may be obtained from the Returning Officer at the physical address given below and may also be downloaded from the Website address given below as from the **1st December 2008**.

- (8) Every completed nomination form must reach the returning officer at the addresses, fax number or email address given below not later than **16H30 on 16th day of January 2009**
- (9) Every nomination form in respect of which any of these provisions has not been complied with, or which is not received by the aforesaid date and time at the address, fax number or email address given below, will be invalid.



Returning Officer

Street address: 553 Vermeulen Street
Arcadia
PRETORIA

Postal address: Private Bag X812
PRETORIA
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Website address: www.hpcsa.co.za

Email address: nominations@hpcsa.co.za

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