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BOARD NOTICE 138 OF 2015**THE ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT: USE OF PROFESSIONAL TITLES AND DESIGNATIONS

The Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA) is a statutory health body established in terms of the Allied Health Professions Act, 63 of 1982 (the Act) in order to control all allied health professions, which includes Ayurveda, Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, Osteopathy, Phytotherapy, Therapeutic Aromatherapy, Therapeutic Massage Therapy, Therapeutic Reflexology and Unani-Tibb.

Practitioners and therapists registered with the Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA) in terms of the Allied Health Professions Act, Act 63 of 1982, as amended ('the Act') are entitled to present, as per Section 17 of the Act and Regulation 52 of Regulations No.R.127 of 12 February 2001, certain information on professional stationery. As part of the information to be presented on professional stationery, a registered practitioner or therapists may print his or her profession and registered category.

The AHPCSA, after due consideration and in consultation with all professional boards, notes that the use of professional designations and titles used by registered practitioners and therapists lacks conformity.

After due consideration and in consultation with all professional boards, the AHPCSA has resolved that practitioners or therapists (as defined in Section 1 of the Act) may only use the following designation or title of the professions listed above, or category of registration, as listed below:

Acupuncture

Acupuncturist, Registered Acupuncturist

Ayurveda

Ayurveda Practitioner or Registered Practitioner of Ayurveda

Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture

Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Practitioner or Registered Practitioner of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture

Chiropractic

Chiropractor or Registered Practitioner of Chiropractic

Homeopathy / Homoeopathy

Homeopath, Homoeopath, Homeopathic Practitioner, Homoeopathic Practitioner, where 'Registered' may be used preceding any variant

Naturopathy

Naturopath or Registered Practitioner of Naturopathy

Osteopathy

Osteopath or Registered Practitioner of Osteopathy

Phytotherapy

Phytotherapist or Registered Practitioner of Phytotherapy

Therapeutic Aromatherapy

Therapeutic Aromatherapist or Registered Therapeutic Aromatherapist

Therapeutic Massage Therapy

Therapeutic Massage Therapist or Registered Therapeutic Massage Therapist

Therapeutic Reflexology

Therapeutic Reflexologist or Registered Therapeutic Reflexologist

Unani-Tibb**Unani-Tibb Practitioner or Registered Practitioner of Unani-Tibb**

The use of any professional designation, abbreviation title or category of registration other than any specifically approved by the AHPCSA will be regarded as unprofessional conduct after 6 (six) months from the date of this notice, which conduct may result in disciplinary action in terms of Sections 23-30 of the Act.

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