

**BOARD NOTICE 8 OF 2018****ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD NOTICE:  
ISSUING OF DEATH CERTIFICATES BY ALLIED HEALTH  
PRACTITIONERS**

The Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA), after due consideration and in consultation with the Professional Board: Ayurveda, Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture and Unani-Tibb (PBACMU); the Professional Board: Chiropractic and Osteopathy (PBCO); and the Professional Board: Homeopathy, Naturopathy and Phytotherapy (PBHNP), and taking into account section 1(2)(a) of the Allied Health Professions Act (63/1982) ("the Act"), read together with section 32(1) of the Act, which sets out offences by practitioners and students, has resolved that: -

- A practitioner registered in any allied health profession may not issue any death certificate; and
- Any practitioner not entitled to issue death certificates, found to have performed such action shall be guilty of an offence, liable to a fine or to imprisonment or a fine and imprisonment or subject to a disciplinary hearing and any penalty which is of relevance and appropriate.



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