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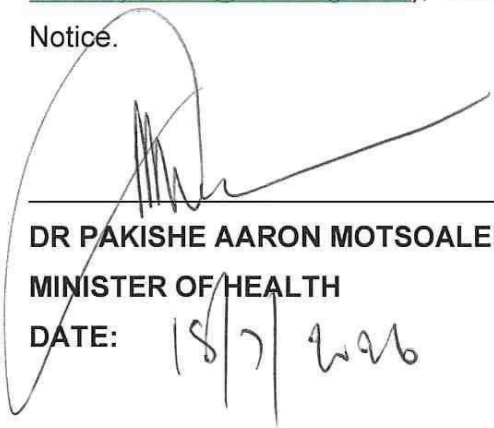
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PHARMACY ACT, 1974 (ACT No. 53 OF 1974)

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE OWNERSHIP AND LICENSING OF
PHARMACIES: AMENDMENT, 2026

The Minister of Health intends, in consultation with the South African Pharmacy Council, in terms of section 49(1)(a) and (3), read with section 5 of the Pharmacy Act, 1974 (Act No. 53 of 1974), to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit substantiated comments or representations in writing on the proposed amendments to the Regulations, to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Public Entities Governance, Ms M Mushwana, Mihloti.mushwana@health.gov.za and Godfrey.tsebe@health.gov.za), within three months of the date of publication of this Notice.



DR PAKISHE AARON MOTSOLEDI, MP
MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 18/7/2026

SCHEDULE

Definition

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

“Regulations” means the Regulations relating to the Ownership and Licensing of Pharmacies, published under Government Notice No. R. 553 of 25 April 2003.

Amendment of regulation 5 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 5 of the Regulations is hereby amended by substitution of regulation 5 for the following:

“5. Ownership of consultant pharmacies — only persons who are registered with the council as a pharmacist may own or have a beneficial interest in a consultant pharmacy”.

Short title

3. These Regulations are called Regulations relating to the ownership and licensing of pharmacies: Amendment 2026.