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### MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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REGULATIONS RELATING TO SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A PHARMACIST,  
PHARMACEUTICAL TECHNICIAN, PHARMACIST INTERN, PHARMACY STUDENT,  
PHARMACIST'S ASSISTANT AND PHARMACIST'S ASSISTANT STUDENT:  
PHARMACY ACT, 2004

Under section 66 of the Pharmacy Act, 2004 (Act No. 9 of 2004), and on the recommendation of the Pharmacy Council of Namibia, I have made the regulations set out in the Schedule.

**B. HAUFIKU**

**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

Windhoek, 30 October 2017

## SCHEDULE

**Definitions**

1. In these regulations a word or an expression to which a meaning has been given in the Act has that meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates -

“substance” means anything which, whether alone or in combination in either its original or natural state or in a compounded, manipulated or prepared form, can be used for the treatment of a disease; and

“the Act” means the Pharmacy Act, 2004 (Act No. 9 of 2004).

**Scope of practice of pharmacist**

2. The following acts must be regarded as acts pertaining to the profession of a pharmacist -

- (a) practicing pharmacy in a professional and ethical manner;
- (b) manufacturing pharmaceuticals and related substances;
- (c) planning and organising pharmaceuticals and related supplies logistics;
- (d) manage pharmaceutical human resources;
- (e) manage pharmacy budget and financial operations;
- (f) manage physical facilities for pharmaceutical operations;
- (g) manage pharmaceutical information systems;
- (h) dispensing medicines;
- (i) providing pharmaceutical care;
- (j) retrieve and providing information on medicines;
- (k) promoting primary health care;
- (l) conducting pharmaceutical research; and
- (m) applying interpersonal and workplace skills for work as a pharmacist.

**Scope of practice of pharmaceutical technician**

3. The following acts must be regarded as acts pertaining to the profession of a pharmaceutical technician under the personal supervision of a pharmacist in a health facility -

- (a) practising as a pharmaceutical technician within the legal requirements in a professional and ethical manner;
- (b) providing pharmaceutical care;
- (c) managing medicines inventory in a pharmacy setting;

- (d) designing and implementing strategies to promote rational and safe use of medicines in healthcare;
- (e) maintaining pharmaceutical equipment;
- (f) promoting good dispensing and pharmacy practices;
- (g) effectively controlling the medicine supply system at the health facility;
- (h) participating and conducting medicine use audits and research at the health facility;
- (i) assisting the pharmacist in the provision of pharmaceutical information;
- (j) implementing and maintaining standard operating procedures to control the quality of medicines and services;
- (k) implementing the basic concepts of primary healthcare related to pharmacy;
- (l) organising and conducting activities in quality analysis and pharmaceutical sciences; and
- (m) assisting in the regulatory process of the registration of medicines.

#### **Scope of practice of pharmacist's assistant**

4. The following acts must be regarded as acts pertaining to the profession of a pharmacist's assistant under the personal supervision of a pharmacist in a health facility -

- (a) providing pharmaceutical care;
- (b) managing medicines inventory in a pharmacy setting;
- (c) providing and contributing to comprehensive health services to the community with emphasis on community development;
- (d) providing appropriate pharmaceutical services;
- (e) practicing pharmacy within the ethical and moral codes of the profession and within the Namibian legal parameters;
- (f) participating in health information systems and research activities and to utilise the results to improve health care; and
- (g) initiate and participate in mobilisation for community development projects.

#### **Scope of practice of pharmacist intern**

5. A pharmacist intern must provide or perform all of the services or acts pertaining to the scope of practice of a pharmacist under the personal supervision of a pharmacist in a health facility.

#### **Scope of practice of pharmacy student**

6. A pharmacy student must provide or perform all of the services or acts pertaining to the scope of practice of a pharmacist's assistant under the personal supervision of a pharmacist in a health facility.

**Scope of practice of pharmacist's assistant student**

7. A pharmacist's assistant student must provide or perform all of the services or acts pertaining to the scope of practice of a pharmacist's assistant under the personal supervision of a pharmacist in a health facility.

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