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Dear Pharmacist,

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The Minister of Health published the *Regulations relating to education and training: Amendment* (GNR. 4937, published on 7 June 2024) (hereafter “the Regulations”). Regulation 35 of the Regulations makes provision for a pharmacist wishing to act as a tutor to be registered. This communication serves to inform all Pharmacists of the implementation of the amended regulations.

At its meeting in May 2025, Council approved the implementation of the amendments as contained in the published Regulations. As such, the Office of the Registrar will operational the amendment regulations, with effect from 01 June 2025. All tutors approved as such in line with the tutor approval process and whose names appear in the relevant register held by the Registrar in terms of Section 14 of the Pharmacy Act, 53 of 1974, as at 31 May 2025, will be converted to registered tutors with no expiry date, at no cost.

Please note that no additional fees are required to convert a tutor approval to a registered tutor status.

The process for implementation will include:

1. Issuing of a digital tutor registration certificate with no registration end date;
2. Continued linkage of tutor registration to premises, Pharmacist Interns and/or learners until such time that the relationship with the premises or interns/learners is terminated.

The Office of the Registrar intends to finalise the project to process digital certificates for registered tutors by 01 July 2025.

Further to the above, as of 01 June 2025, all new applications for tutor registration will be required to pay the registration fee and will be issued a hard copy registration certificate. Council will, therefore, no longer process applications for tutor approval, as this register will be discontinued. Furthermore, to remain on the register of tutors, an annual fee will be levied from 01 July 2026.

Pharmacists are reminded to ensure that they comply with the conditions of registration to remain on the register of tutors.

Further details on the conversion process, detailing timelines for issuing the registration certificates, will be shared with all currently approved tutors.

Council will be hosting a webinar in the coming week to provide clarity on the new tutor registration process. Please be on the lookout for the invitation to register and secure your attendance.

Should you need assistance or clarification, please contact the South African Pharmacy Council at customercare@sapc.za.org.

Yours sincerely,

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