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## **SAPC e-Note**



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Dear Interns/Tutor/Responsible Pharmacist,

## SAPC e-Note: SUSPENSION OF PLAGIARISM DETECTION SYSTEM ON PORTFOLIO OF EVIDENCE ENTRIES FOR JULY 2025 SUBMISSION CYCLE

The 2025 Intern and Tutor Manual for the Pre-registration Experience of Pharmacist Interns stipulates that, with effect from 2025, each portfolio of evidence entry submitted by a Pharmacist Intern will be subjected to plagiarism detection prior to submission for tutor verification.

The Office of the Registrar has identified some challenges with the plagiarism detection system, resulting in an increase in the similarity score experienced by Pharmacist Interns. The South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC), in addressing the matter, extended the submission deadlines to allow Pharmacist Interns with a similarity score of 20% or higher to submit their entries for tutor verification for the June 2025 cycle.

Further to the above, the SAPC wishes to inform you that the system is currently undergoing maintenance to address the challenges experienced by Pharmacist Interns.

In the meantime, the requirement to subject each portfolio of evidence submitted by a Pharmacist Intern to plagiarism detection has been suspended for the July 2025 submission cycle. The Office of the Registrar will allow Pharmacist Interns to submit their portfolio of evidence entries without subjecting them to plagiarism detection prior to submission for tutor verification, as the system will be temporarily disabled for the July 2025 cycle.

**Note**: The July 2025 submission deadlines will remain as per the approved schedule published in the *2025 Intern and Tutor Manual*.

The Office of the Registrar apologises for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

Please feel free to contact the SAPC

at interns@sapc.za.org or customercare@sapc.za.org should you require assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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