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## General Notice

### PHARMACY COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA

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#### RULES FOR THE RECOGNITION AND REQUIREMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PHARMACIST'S ASSISTANT AND PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION OF PHARMACIST'S ASSISTANTS: PHARMACY ACT, 2004

In terms of section 67(2) of the Pharmacy Act, 2004 (Act No. 9 of 2004), it is made known that the Pharmacy Council of Namibia has under section 20(3) of that Act -

- (a) made the rules set out in the Schedule; and
- (b) repeal the rules made under Government Notice No. 263 of 31 December 2014.

**J. GAESEB**  
**VICE-PRESIDENT**  
**PHARMACY COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA**

## SCHEDULE

**Definitions**

1. In these rules, unless the context otherwise indicates, a word or expression defined in the Act has that meaning, and –

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

**Requirements for registration as a pharmacist’s assistant**

2. (1) An applicant as set out in rule 4 of these rules must have a qualification in Pharmacy obtained at an educational institution recognised by the Council for that purpose after the successful completion of full time education, tuition and training of two years.

(2) The education, tuition and training prescribed by rule 2(1) must include education, tuition and training in the following main subjects –

- (a) occupational and environmental health and safety;
- (b) primary health care;
- (c) human anatomy and physiology;
- (d) microbiology and parasitology;
- (e) pharmaceutical chemistry I and II;
- (f) pharmaceuticals I and II;
- (g) pharmacology;
- (h) laws governing the pharmacy profession; and
- (i) pharmacy practice I and II.

**Recognition of a qualification obtained in Namibia for registration as pharmacist’s assistant**

3. For section 20(3) of the Act, a qualification awarded by an educational institution in Namibia to a person after successful completion of a course of study and examination approved by the Council under section 16 of the Act as appropriate education, tuition or training for qualifying persons as pharmacist’s assistants, is recognised as a qualification which entitles the holder thereof to be registered as a pharmacist’s assistant under the Act.

**Application for registration as a pharmacist’s assistant**

4. (1) An application for registration as a pharmacist’s assistant in terms of section 20(3) of the Act must be submitted to the Council in the form determined and provided by the Council, and must be accompanied by –

- (a) evidence of compliance with the requirements for registration in terms of rule 2 of these rules;
- (b) the appropriate registration application fee determined by the Council under section 28 of the Act; and

- (c) documented proof of successful completion of the first year of study, as prescribed under section 20(1) of the Act.

(2) An applicant must provide any additional information or documents required by the Council for purpose of considering the application for registration within such time as may be stipulated by the Council.

### **Deciding application**

5. (1) On consideration of an application the Council may require an applicant to provide proof as the Council determines, of his or her proficiency in English.

(2) After having considered the application and any documents or information submitted in accordance with rule 4, the Council must -

- (a) grant the application and register the applicant as pharmacist's assistant if the applicant satisfies the Council that he or she complies with the requirements for registration in terms of section 20(1)(a) or (2) of the Act or rule 3 of these rules; or
- (b) refuse to grant the application if the Council is not satisfied that the applicant is entitled to be so registered.

(3) The Council must, as soon as is practicable, inform the applicant in writing of the Council's decision in relation to the application, and -

- (a) if the application is granted, issue to the applicant a certificate of registration in the form determined by the Council and enter the name of the applicant in the appropriate register; or
- (b) if the application is refused, specify the reasons for the refusal.

### **Additional examinations or evaluations**

6. (1) An additional examination or evaluation referred to in section 22(3) of the Act, must consist of written, oral or practical examinations or evaluations as determined by the Council.

(2) The Council may appoint, subject to such conditions as it may determine, suitable persons to conduct the examinations or evaluations referred to in section 22(3) of the Act.

### **Register of pharmacist's assistant**

7. A register for pharmacist's assistants established and kept in terms of section 25(2) of the Act must contain in addition to the particulars specified by subsection (3) of that section particulars of -

- (a) the additional qualifications registered against the name of the pharmacist's assistant; and
- (b) any change in any of the particulars recorded in the register.

### **Restoration of name to register**

8. An application in terms of section 27(1) of the Act for the restoration of the name of the person to a register, in addition to the documents and particulars referred to in subsection (2) of that section, must be accompanied by -

- (a) the original registration certificate issued to the applicant, or a certified copy thereof; and
- (b) a certified copy of the applicant's identity document or passport.

**Language of forms and documents**

**9.** (1) Any form or document required to be submitted to the Council in terms of these rules must -

- (a) be in the English language; or
  - (b) if it is not in English, must be accompanied by a sworn translation thereof into the English language.
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