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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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REGULATIONS RELATING TO PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA: HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 2024

Under section 91 of the Health Professions Act, 2024 (Act No. 16 of 2024), read with section 9(2) of that Act, on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of Namibia, after the Council has consulted with the professional boards concerned, I have made the regulations set out in the Schedule.

DR. E. LUVINDAO
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 28 July 2025

SCHEDULE

Definitions

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

“the Act” means the Health Professions Act, 2024 (Act No. 16 of 2024).

Election of deputy president by nomination

2. (1) At the first meeting of the Council, the members of the Council must elect from their number a registered person to serve as the deputy president of the Council as required by section 9(2) of the Act.

(2) A member of the Council may nominate a member referred to in section 5(1)(a)(i), 5(1)(a)(ii) and 5(1)(c) of the Act, verbally or in writing, for the election of such member as deputy president of the Council.

(3) The president must announce the nominations received in terms of subregulation (2) for secondment by the members of the Council.

(4) A nomination under subregulation (2) is invalid if such nomination is not seconded by a member of the Council.

(5) A member of the Council who makes a nomination under subregulation (2) may not –

- (a) nominate more than one candidate;
- (b) second his or her own nomination; or
- (c) nominate or second himself or herself.

(6) If only one candidate is nominated and seconded in terms of subregulations (2) and (3), the president must declare that candidate duly elected as the deputy president of the Council.

Election of deputy president by secret ballot

3. (1) If more than one candidate is nominated and seconded under regulation 2(2) and (3), the members of the Council must vote for the deputy president by secret ballot.

(2) Before the start of the voting process under subregulation (1) the president must –

- (a) provide the members of the Council who are present during the voting process with a ballot paper that lists the names of the candidates and a tick box opposite each name of the candidate; and
- (b) provide a ballot box in which the completed ballot papers are placed.

(3) A member must record his or her vote by placing a tick in the tick box opposite the name of the candidate of his or her choice and place the ballot paper in the ballot box.

(4) After a member casts his or her vote, the president must count the votes in respect of each candidate and announce the result.

(5) The president must declare the candidate with the highest number of votes under subregulation (4) as the duly elected deputy president.

(6) If more than one candidate receive equal number of votes in the process referred to in subregulation (4), no candidate is declared duly elected.

(7) If no candidate is declared duly elected in terms of subregulation (6), the president must, after consultation with the members of the Council present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting to a time during that day or another day for the voting process in subregulations (1) to (5) to be conducted again in respect of the candidates who received an equal number of votes.

(8) If more than one candidate receive equal number of votes after completion of the process in subregulation (7), the president must –

- (a) cast his or her deliberative vote; and
- (b) declare the candidate in whose favour the president cast a deliberative vote as the duly elected deputy president.

Record-keeping of election documents

4. (1) The registrar must keep proper records of all documents relating to the election of the deputy president.

- (2) The records referred to in subregulation (1) include –
- (a) a nomination submitted under regulation 2(2);
 - (b) a secondment submitted under regulation 2(3); and
 - (c) a declaration made under regulations 2(6), 3(5) and 3(8)(b).
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