



Republic of Namibia  
Annotated Statutes

**REGULATIONS**

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REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

**Health Professions Act 16 of 2024**  
section 95(10)

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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**

Government Notice 294 of 2017

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These regulations were made in terms of section 66 of the Pharmacy Act 9 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024. Pursuant to section 95(10) of the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024, they are deemed to have been made under that Act.

The Government Notice which publishes these regulations notes that they were made on the recommendation of the Pharmacy Council of Namibia.

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[These regulations use both the typically British spelling "practising" and the typically American spelling "practicing".]

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**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).

[The Pharmacy Act 9 of 2004 has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

**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.

[This list is reproduced as it appears in the *Government Gazette*, with some paragraphs beginning with verbs in the present tense (eg “manage”, “retrieve”) and some paragraphs beginning with gerunds (eg “practicing”, “applying”).]

**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 -

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- (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.

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**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.