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media statement

HPCSA finally erasing defaulting practitioners

Gauteng Province could be the hardest hit when the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) starts erasing health care practitioners for non payment of annual fees tomorrow (Friday, 6 October 2006).

The HPCSA could be forced to erase 11 057 practitioners who have failed to pay their annual dues. Annual fee deadline is 1 April of every year. At 3 286, Gauteng province has the highest number of practitioners who have not yet paid and could be removed from the roll of practitioners tomorrow.

KwaZulu Natal Province could also suffer the same fate as 2 102 of its practitioners have not yet paid. This is followed by the Western Cape with 1 428 who might also be struck off the roll unless they pay their fees before end of business tomorrow.

Once a practitioner is erased, he or she will have to pay a penalty fee to be restored to the register of practitioners. Those who apply for restoration of their names to the register within six months after erasure will pay twice the applicable annual fee for the current year, as well as the outstanding fees.

After a period of six months, but within 12 months of the erasure date, the amount shall be equivalent to four times the applicable annual fees as well as the outstanding fees. Those who pay after 12 months will pay five times the applicable annual fees as well as the outstanding amount.

The HPCSA is a statutory body that has been established in terms of the Health Professions Act to regulate the professional conduct of health practitioners in South Africa. In order to safeguard the public and guide the professions, registration with HPCSA in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the professions with which Council is concerned. Practising any of the professions falling under the jurisdiction of Council and for which a scope of practice has been promulgated, without being registered, constitutes a criminal offence in terms of the Act.

Practitioners who would like to find out about their registration status are urged to contact the HPCSA on (012) 338 9300. Members of the public can also find out the registration status of their practitioners by phoning the same number.

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Dear Mr Speelman

Acknowledgement in Respect of Merit Award

It was indeed an honor to be conferred with the prestigious 'Merit Award' for outstanding service to the profession of Radiography and to the Society in particular.

In my opinion I would be failing in my duty if I did not acknowledge the Society. I sincerely believe that what I have achieved would not have been possible if it were not for my involvement with Society matters. I have gained tremendous experience and exposure while dealing with Society issues. Also, at this juncture it is fitting for me to thank all those in the profession for their help and support - with a special thanks to Leonie Munro who has been a stalwart in my career.

As I approach my 'sell-by date', I would like to urge younger professionals to get involved in the Society. It is definitely one way of fostering professional unity.

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