

HPCZ-HEA JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ON THE REGISTRATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS PURSUING HEALTH-RELATED TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Lusaka, Friday 16th February 2024-The Health Professions Council of Zambia (HPCZ) is a statutory regulatory body established under the Health Professions Act No. 24 of 2009 whose functional mandate includes administration and management of Professional Licensure Examinations (LEX) and registration of health practitioners.

The Higher Education Authority (HEA) is mandated to develop and foster an innovative quality assurance system in higher education for a knowledge-based society. HEA draws its mandate from the Higher Education Act No. 4 of 2013 as amended by Act No. 23 of 2021.

HEA and HPCZ would like to update all stakeholders and the public that following several engagements between the two institutions on various matters concerning the training of health professionals, we hereby guide all stakeholders that any applicant who has completed their training in an accredited health learning programme offered at a duly registered Higher Education Institution by HEA, and whose qualification is also recognised by the Zambia Qualifications Authority (ZAQA), shall be eligible for registration as a health practitioner by HPCZ provided that such an applicant successfully clears the Professional Licensure Examinations.

In the interest of creating a functional health care system for Zambia, HPCZ and HEA remain resolute to constantly engaging on various matters relating to the quality of training for health professionals especially that this inadvertently impacts the quality of health care services in Zambia. All stakeholders are therefore encouraged to continue abiding by all regulations and standards required by HEA and HPCZ.

Further, HPCZ and HEA will continue to collaborate in resolving the challenges that affect quality and standards in the training of health professionals.

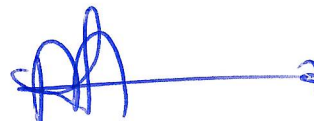
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About HPCZ: The Health Professions Council of Zambia (HPCZ) is a statutory regulatory body established under the Health Professions Act No. 24 of 2009. HPCZ's functions include registration of health practitioners and regulation of their professional conduct (except for nurses who are registered and regulated under another Act); licensing and regulation of all health facilities; accreditation of healthcare services provided by health facilities.

About HEA: The Higher Education Authority (HEA) is a statutory body established by the Higher Education Act No. 4 of 2013. The mandate of the Authority is to regulate and monitor standards in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in order to ensure quality services and contribute to the enhancement of human capital and accelerated national development. The HEA began its operations in 2015.

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