

# HPCSA



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## REGISTRATION OPTIONS FOR CLINICIAN SCIENTISTS

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# HPCSA

- Statutory body established under the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974 .
- HPCSA has 12 Professional Boards operating under its auspices
- Medical and Dental Professions board
  - Doctors
  - Dentists
  - Medical Scientists

# Vision

**Quality healthcare standards for all**

# Mission

To enhance the quality of health by developing strategic policy frameworks for effective co-ordination and guidance of the professional boards in:

- Setting health care standards for training and discipline in the professions registered with Council
- Ensuring on-going professional competence; and
- Fostering compliance with those standards

# Motto

Protecting the public and **guiding the professions**

# Guiding the Professions

- Ensure the training of competent practitioners.
- Designate professional status as determined by the training, inclusive of right to practice the profession .
- Establish the relevant registers of qualifications.
- Disseminate information to guide the practitioners.

Thus protect the Public

# Registration categories

- Student
- Intern
- General Practice
  - Community Service
  - Public service
  - independent practice
- Specialists
  - Base specialities
  - Subspecialities

# Registers

- Board specific – Medical and Dental professions Board
- Determined by the need.
- Advised by the training
  - Entry requirements
  - Curriculum
  - Training duration
  - Scope of practice



# OPTIONS

## New Register

- Set the entry and training requirements
- Determine level - Generalist or specialist
- Apply for a new register.
- Establish training sites
- Challenges
  - Process to open register
  - Limited to a board

# OPTIONS

## Additional qualification

- Set the entry and training requirements
- Develop training sites
- Apply for recognition
- Used as initial phase to a register



# CHALLENGES

- Broader clinical scientist definition
  - Other clinical health professions
- Medical scientist established
  - Based on a Bachelor of science
- Determining the training

# CHALLENGES

- Medical training duration
  - 5/6 years undergraduate
  - 2 years internship
  - 1 year community service
  - 4/5 years postgraduate
  - 2 years subspecialisation
- Total 14 -16 years of training

# CONCLUSION

- Need determination by various stakeholders
- Training requirements (scope of practice)
  - training institutions
- HPCSA - Regulatory role
  - Set minimum standards
  - Facilitates registration

# Thank You

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