



CATEGORIES OF PHARMACISTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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Different categories of Pharmacists

Regulatory pharmacist

Hospital pharmacist

Community pharmacist (Retail)

QA pharmacist



Production pharmacist

Scope of practice

The compounding, manipulation, preparation or packaging of any medicine or scheduled substance or the supervision thereof;

(c) The manufacturing of any medicine or scheduled substance or the supervision thereof;

(d) The purchasing, acquiring, importing, keeping, possessing, using, releasing, storage, packaging, re-packaging, supplying or selling of any medicine or scheduled substance or the supervision thereof;



Specialists pharmacists

Radiopharmacist

Clinical pharmacist

Pharmacokineticist

Public Health pharmacy and management pharmacist

Scope as per provision of Act 53



Responsible pharmacist

Scope of practice

The responsible pharmacist must:

- (a) ensure that he or she in fact continuously supervises the pharmacy in which he or she has been appointed;
- (b) have appropriate qualifications and experience in the services being rendered by such pharmacy;
- (c) ensure that persons employed in such pharmacy and who provide services forming part of the scope of practice of a pharmacist are appropriately registered with Council;



Responsible pharmacist

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(d) notify Council immediately upon receiving knowledge that his/her services as responsible pharmacist have been or will be terminated;

(e) take corrective measures in respect of deficiencies with regard to inspection reports of Council or in terms of the Medicines Act.



Responsible pharmacist

Scope of practice

- (i) ensure that unauthorised persons could not by lawful means obtain access to medicines or scheduled substances or the pharmacy premises outside of normal trading hours;
- (ii) establish policies and procedures for the employees of the pharmacy with regard to the acts performed and services provided in the pharmacy;



Responsible pharmacist

Scope of practice

(iii) ensure the safe and effective storage and keeping of medicine or scheduled substances in the pharmacy under his or her direct personal supervision; and

(iv) ensure correct and effective record keeping of the purchase, sale, possession, storage, safekeeping and return of medicines or scheduled substances.



Difference between the RP and the above mentioned Pharmacists

RP

Accountable and Responsible

Qualified person in line with the provision of Act 53

Equivalent to qualified person as in EU

Defined in terms of Annexure 16 of the GMP guidelines