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## Media Statement

### REGISTERED PRACTITIONERS EMPLOYING UNREGISTERED LOCUMS

**16 May 2019**

**For immediate release**

**Pretoria** – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) has observed with concern the increasing number of registered practitioners who employ unregistered persons to practise the profession that requires registration with the HPCSA.

On 15 May 2019, the Inspectorate Office under the ambit of the HPCSA, conducted a joint inspection with the Medicines Control Council and the Road Traffic Management Corporation whereby an unregistered medical practitioner, Mr Christiaan Akoko (Congolese national) was arrested. Mr Akoko was employed by a registered practitioner Dr AA Odufu since 6 May 2019 practising at no: 14 Mzwazwa Street, NU 7 Motherwell, Eastern Cape.

Mr Akoko was detained at Motherwell Police Station for contravening Section 17(1), Section 33, Section 34 and Section 39 of the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974. Mr Akoko will appear in Court today, Thursday 16 May 2019.

In another inspection, Mr Doudou Tshiakatumba Kabeya (also Congolese national) was arrested for practising whilst not registered as a medical practitioner at a surgery owned by a registered practitioner, Dr Nurudeen Babatunde Aroyewun. Mr Doudou was detained at New Brighton Police Station, Port Elizabeth.

Practitioners are warned to refrain from employing unregistered practitioners as this is in contravention of the Health Professions Act.

The Inspectorate Office is based at the HPCSA Head Office in Pretoria, with regional offices in Cape Town, Durban and East London.

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### **About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)**

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) also known as Council is a statutory body established under the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974. The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

The HPCSA is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects pertaining to education, training and registration, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and guiding the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

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