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TO: THE PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSION

PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR PSYCHOLOGY

Department: Office of the Registrar

Division: Executive Company Secretariat

Date: 11 February 2025

Dear Practitioner,

RE: DEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAYS PROGRAMME FOR THE PROFESSION OF PSYCHOLOGY

This serves as a follow-up to the communication published on February 4, 2024. The Board would like to clarify the following:

1. Registered Counsellors (RC) and Psychometrists may transition between these two categories or into the Research Psychologist category. To qualify as a Research Psychologist through the Developmental Pathway Programme, practitioners must hold an NQF Level 9 qualification in psychology, obtained at least three years prior, and must have actively practiced in their current category for over three years.
2. A comprehensive portfolio of evidence detailing professional experience is required for all categories.
3. All applications will undergo a rigorous screening process by the board to assess eligibility.
4. Practitioners may maintain their current registration while adding a new category through the Developmental Pathways Programme.
5. While the Board encourages placements at approved internship sites, tailored internship programmes may be considered where necessary. The internship must be negotiated between the site and the practitioner, with sites retaining the right to decline. Only upon Board approval may practitioners commence their internship. Upon successful completion, they may apply to sit for the board exam.
6. Practitioners should review the minimum standards for their category to ensure all criteria are met when structuring their internship.
7. Psychologists must complete a 12-month internship, while BPsych applicants are required to complete a 6-month practicum.
8. Applications for the Developmental Pathways Programme will be accepted until February 2027.

Yours faithfully,

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**MS P KHATI
DEPUTY COMPANY SECRETARY
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