

As Society of Zambezi Psychology (SZP) we acknowledge that “In year 2016, Allied Health Professional Council of Zimbabwe (AHPCZ) developed Psychologist Training, Registration and Practice in Zimbabwe Regulations and they have been in use for the past five years.” And also “Over the past few years, in Zimbabwe and beyond the profession has witnessed a lot of changes and as such AHPCZ is currently in the process of reviewing these regulations to meet the desired standard.”

We therefore make our kind and humble submission on your call “on practitioners to review and make submissions on areas that need attention”. The 2016 regulations to us remain a structure on which Psychology in Zimbabwe can continue to build in for a much better psychology.

Comporting to the mores of building a better psychology we do hereby propose these submissions which should be read together with the regulations of 2016 as they are page related.

1. In the glossary of terms Section (p3)

SZP propose the addition of the term “Psychometrician” and be defined as “an individual who has successfully completed undergraduate studies in psychology at a recognized institution and a recognized psychology program and has fulfilled internship requirements as an intern psychometrician and has been duly registered as a practicing Psychometrician. A psychometrician is empowered to perform all duties of a psychometrician (which excludes psychological assessment)

2. On Supervisor or Supervising psychologist (p3).

- (i) One has to be a registered psychologist for more than two years.
- (ii) Has at least on a publication in a peer reviewed journal in the area of psychology.

3. Internship categories should include (p6):

- (i) Psychometrics
- (ii) Sport psychology
- (iii) Child psychology

4. Academic prerequisite for psychology internship and registration (p7)

- (i) Psychology should be clearly defined as a **Masters Practice**
- (ii) Honours in Psychology Degree and 5 O level passes inclusive of a science subject, English and Mathematics should remain mandatory to meet international practices.

5. Psychology Board Exams (p3), (p19)

- (i) Have at least 3 exams in a calendar year in this order:
 - (a) January Exam
 - (b) June Exam
 - (c) November Exam

6. Recommendation of reading for body exams (p17)

- (i) Board of Examination should publish recommended readings to the intern prior registration.
- (ii) The recommended readings should be on the intern's syllabus upon registering for intern practice of that very year.

7. Institutions offering Psychology and Accredited Programmes (p19)

- (i) Institutions offering Psychology should publish their accredited programmes on their websites in real time and state clearly which programmes are registered with AHCPZ for Psychological Practice.
- (ii) Programmes which are accredited for teaching purposes at a University but cannot be registered for professional practice in Psychology should be clearly highlighted on programmes on offer and or any advertisement.
- (iii) AHCPZ should in real time on their website publish list of programmes which can be registered for Psychological Practice and their institutions.

8. Accreditation of Psychology Lecturers and Tutors (p25)

- (i) Psychology lecturers or tutors should be on the register of AHCPZ as interns or fully registered Psychologists.
- (ii) Psychology programmes requiring registration for professional practice as a Psychologist or Psychometrician should be taught only by those on the register as interns or fully registered Psychologists.

9. Psychology Private Practice

- (i) Anyone duly registered as a Psychologist should from forthwith practice privately as she/he so wishes comporting to the mores of Psychological ethics.

