

Establishment of Psychology and Psychometrics Council of Zimbabwe

1. There is hereby established a council, to be known as the Psychology and Psychometrics Council of Zimbabwe, which shall be a body corporate capable of suing and being sued in its corporate name and, subject to this Act, of performing all acts that bodies corporate may by law perform.

2. The Council shall represent the persons registered in any profession or calling specified in Part V of the First Schedule.

3) The Council shall consist of fifteen members of whom—

(a) one shall be the person for the time being holding office as Provincial Medical Psychologist in the Ministry of Health and if such a person is not there a registered psychologist with 5 years' experience currently working in a government mental hospital.

(b) four (4) shall be appointed by the Minister as follows from the list provided by the elected council of registered psychologists and should not have less than 3 years of full registration experience;

(i) one legal practitioner from a list of names submitted by the Law Society of Zimbabwe.

(ii) one President of the Psychology Associations

(ii) one registered psychologist who is a Practitioner in charge and a psychology supervisor

(iv) one registered psychologist university representative in the department of psychology.

(4) The ten (10) other members of Council should be elected by Registered Psychologists

Registered Clinical Psychologist X1

Registered Child/Developmental Psychologist X1

Registered Counselling Psychologist X1

Registered Community Psychologist X1

Registered Neuropsychologist Psychologist X1

Registered Educational Psychologist X1

Registered Forensic Psychologist X1

Registered Occupational/Industrial Psychologist X1

Registered Sports Psychologist X1

Registered Research Psychologist X1

Functions and powers of Council

1. Subject to this Act, the functions of the Council shall be— (a) to assist in the promotion of the health of the population of Zimbabwe; and

(b) to regulate, control and supervise all matters affecting the training of persons in, and the manner of the exercise of, the professions and callings specified in Part VI of the First Schedule; and

(c) to promote liaison in the field of training referred to in paragraph (b), both in Zimbabwe and elsewhere, and to monitor, enforce and improve the standards of such training in Zimbabwe; and (d) to advise the Minister on any matter affecting any profession or calling specified in Part VI of the First Schedule; and

(e) to communicate to the Minister information on matters of public importance acquired by the Council in the performance of its functions under this Act; and

(f) to consider and determine applications for the registration of persons in the professions and callings specified in Part VI of the First Schedule, subject to such conditions, whether as to qualifications or otherwise, as may be prescribed by the Council; and

(g) to establish and maintain one or more registers in terms of Part XV for the registration of persons in the professions and callings specified in Part VI of the First Schedule; and

(h) to issue practising certificates to registered persons and to cancel or suspend such certificates in terms of this Act; and

(i) to define and enforce ethical practice and discipline among registered persons; and (j) to encourage co-operation between the Council and other councils established under this Act; and (k) to take such steps as appear to the Council to be necessary or desirable to advance the standing and effectiveness of registered persons;

(l) to present the views of registered persons on national, regional and international issues; and (m) to evaluate and monitor the standards of qualifying examinations, courses and training for registered persons; and

(n) to evaluate any examinations, training courses and qualifications of foreign institutions for the purposes of registration in the professions and callings specified in Part VI of the First Schedule; and

(o) to perform any other function that may be conferred or imposed upon the Council by or in terms of this Act or any other enactment.

(p) to advise the Minister on evaluations and monitor the performance of diagnostic, testing technologies including various assessments; and

(q) to communicate to the Minister of the results on any new psychological researches evaluated for use in Zimbabwe; and

(r) to communicate to the Minister information pertaining to the performance of psychological units, practices and institutions

(s) to monitor the minimum standards of psychology teaching institutions and students' admissions, accreditation of psychological courses and programs.

2. For the better exercise of its functions, the Council shall have power to do or cause to be done all or any of the things specified in the Second Schedule, either absolutely or conditionally and either solely or jointly with others.

Society of Zambezi Psy & Practitioners