

Any person whose name is entered into the register of Council **after** the closing date for the submission of nominations (for example first registration or restoration to the register) will not receive a ballot paper and supporting documentation, and will thus not be eligible to vote in the 2018 Council elections.

**Ballot papers and supporting documentation will be sent to the COURIER address (the address as it appears in the register) of all pharmacists whose names appear in the register.**

**If a ballot paper is lost, spoilt or destroyed, the Returning Officer may, upon written application by the voter concerned and upon being satisfied with the loss, spoilage or destruction, issue another ballot paper.**

### Counting of votes

The Returning Officer will determine a place, time and date for the counting of votes and will inform each candidate accordingly. Only persons or bodies as may be invited by the Returning Officer may be present when the votes are counted.

Any pharmacist may lodge with the Returning Officer a substantiated, written objection regarding the election process. If an objection is not resolved before the next phase of the electoral process, the next phase will not commence until an independent monitoring body has resolved the issue.

### Elected members

The Returning Officer will declare the candidates for whom the greatest number of votes has been cast to be elected members of Council. If, however, the number of votes cast for any two or more candidates is found to be equal and if this equality of votes affects the result of the election, the Returning Officer must, in the presence of the candidates or their representatives, immediately determine by lot which candidate will be declared elected.

**Please support the Council elections 2018 and cast your vote**



**It is your right!**

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**It's election time again!**



**9 Pharmacists to be elected for Council term (21 Oct 2018 – 20 Oct 2023)**

**VOTE**

**The term of office of the current Council expires on 20 October 2018 and a new Council has to be elected and appointed for the term 21 October 2018 to 20 October 2023.**

The Council consists of 25 members, **nine of whom are elected by pharmacists**. The nine members to be elected must be pharmacists who are resident in the Republic of South Africa. The Minister of Health appoints the remaining 16 members of Council as follows:

- nine pharmacists nominated by Members of the Executive Council (MECs) responsible for health matters in the provinces;
- an officer of the Department of Health;
- two pharmacists who are members of the staff of universities who are accredited to provide the Bachelor of Pharmacy degree; and
- four other persons, one of who must be a person appointed on the grounds of his or her legal knowledge.

The members of Council hold office for a period of five years, but are eligible for reappointment or re-election for one additional term only.



**It is important to note that any person who makes or causes a false declaration to be made in connection with the election of the nine pharmacists concerned will be guilty of an offence and, on conviction, liable to a fine.**

The procedure to elect the nine members of Council referred to above is prescribed in the *Regulations relating to the election of members of the South African Pharmacy Council*. The following matters regarding the election process are noteworthy:

### Returning Officer

The Registrar of Council is the Returning Officer for all elections. The Council must, however, appoint an independent monitoring body to monitor the election process and to ensure that the elections are free and fair. Council has appointed the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) to monitor the election process for 2018.

### Notice of election

The Returning Officer shall publish a notice of election in the Government Gazette on **6 April 2018**, as well as leading newspapers soon thereafter. All pharmacy stakeholders in South Africa, including professional associations, will also be requested to become actively involved in creating awareness among their affiliates.

### Nominations

Only pharmacists whose names appear in the register (including pharmacists registered for the purposes of Community Service) and are resident in the Republic may be elected to serve on the Council.



Nominations should be done in accordance with the instructions on the nomination form. Nomination forms will be sent by email and mail, and on the Council website ([www.sapc.za.org](http://www.sapc.za.org)). The closing date on which nominations must reach the Returning Officer will be made known with the publication of the notice of election. Nominations that do not comply with any of the prescribed instructions will not be accepted.

The Returning Officer will publish a list of valid nominees in the Government Gazette. A nominee may withdraw his or her candidature in writing before the date of publication of the list. After publication of the list of candidates, no withdrawal of a nomination will be effected.

### Election process

If the number of validly nominated candidates does not exceed the number of members to be elected (i.e. nine), the Returning Officer will declare such candidates to be the elected members of Council.

If, however, the number of validly nominated candidates exceeds the number of members to be elected, the Returning Officer must publish the list of nominated candidates in the Government Gazette and determine a date by which eligible pharmacists may cast their votes.