



Dear Healthcare Professional

## COURSE FOR THE DISPENSING OF MEDICINE BY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Herewith are details of the course for dispensing medicine by healthcare professionals.

### 1. Introduction to the course

According to the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act (Act 101 of 1965 Section 22C(2)), any healthcare professional who intends to dispense medicine must apply for a dispensing license with the Director-General of Health. The license will only be issued once the applicant provides proof of completing a supplementary dispensing course.

The **S Buys Academy** is an accredited provider of this supplementary course in dispensing with the South African Pharmacy Council. The course is accredited as a short course. **It is also accredited at the HPCSA as a CPD course and is worth 30 points.**

Upon completing the course, the learner will be issued a Dispensing for Health Care Professionals certificate. This certificate must be submitted with the application for a license to dispense medicine to the Director-General of Health.

Feel free to visit the Academy's webpage at [www.sbuys.co.za](http://www.sbuys.co.za) for the step-by-step procedure to apply for a Dispensing Licence.

### 2. Minimum requirements

The minimum requirements to enrol for the Dispensing Course for Healthcare Professionals are as follows:

- **Medical Practitioner:**

- A qualified Medical Practitioner is a person who has obtained a Bachelor of Medicine at a university and is registered as such with HPCSA and
- Completed compulsory Internship and Community Service for health professionals as governed by the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974)

- **Nurses:**

- A Registered General Nurse (who completed a Diploma in Nursing on a three-year course plan) registered as such with SANC or a Registered Professional Nurse or Midwife (who completed a Bachelor of Nursing on a four-year programme at a university) registered as such with SANC and
- Completed compulsory Community Service for health professionals as governed by the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974)

**\*\*Please note a Nursing Auxiliary with a Higher Certificate in Nursing (one-year programme) does not meet the minimum requirements.**

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If the above minimum requirements are not met, e.g. the prospective applicant is still completing their Community Service year, they should first apply for a Dispensing License with the National Department of Health. If the license is conditionally approved, the applicant can use it to be allowed to enrol for the Dispensing course for Healthcare Professionals.

### 3. Course structure

The course is divided into five study units, namely:

Study Unit	Title	Credits
1	Legal and Ethical Framework for Dispensing in South Africa	7
2	Basic Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Considerations in Dispensing	7
3	Good Dispensing Practice	7
4	Generic Substitution and the Importance of Patient Compliance when Dispensing	4
5	Drug Supply Management Supporting Dispensing	5
		<b>30 credits</b>

**All learners are assessed in three ways, namely:**

- Formative assessment:** At the end of the learner's study letter is a multiple choice formative assessment with questions on each of the 5 study units. The learner has to complete it and email or fax it to the Academy. Competence must be proved before the summative assessment may be written.
- Assignment on dispensing in practice:** Each learner receives a document explaining what is required for the assignment and what needs to be completed. Competence must be proved before the summative assessment may be written.
- Summative assessment:** This is the final assessment in the form of case studies. Learners may use their textbooks as a reference. The summative assessment aims to test the learner's ability to apply the knowledge gained. Summative assessments are written in the presence of an invigilator as arranged with the S Buys Academy. A learner will be allowed 5 hours to complete the summative assessment. Competence must be reached in each question as the questions test specific outcomes for which competence is required.

### 4. Course delivery and fees:

**Interactive distance learning with one-day virtual practical workshop – R4 500.00 (incl. VAT)**

- This option provides for self-study at learners' own pace, guided by the study material (textbook) and facilitator support.
- A one-day workshop on **Practical Dispensing** is presented via a virtual platform (Zoom) for this option.
- All learners must attend this workshop (see the year program below for dates).
- Learners should have a SAMF, preferably the latest Edition, when they attend the workshop.
- Workshop attendance before attempting the assignment is strongly recommended.

**Additional fees:**

- The following additional fees are payable upon re-assessment:
  - ✓ Re-assessment of formative assessment: **Free of charge**
  - ✓ Re-assessment of assignment: **R470** (incl. VAT)
  - ✓ Re-assessment of summative: **R470** (incl. VAT)
- Re-admission: A learner may progress at their own speed and be allowed **12 months** to complete the course. If the course is not completed, the learner must apply for an extended contract period of 4 months (contact the S Buys Academy for the necessary forms).

Full payment is expected upon enrolment.

**Payments can be made directly into our bank account:**

Name of Account: S Buys Academy  
Bank: ABSA (632005)  
Account number: (Cheque) 40 54 41 46 95  
Reference: Name and surname of candidate / ID number

**5. Year Program for the Dispensing Course for Healthcare Professionals:**

Date	Type of course	Workshop delivery	Closing date for booking
27 January 2024	Virtual practical workshop	Zoom	17 January 2024
28 February 2024	Virtual practical workshop	Zoom	19 February 2024
4 April 2024	Virtual practical workshop	Zoom	25 March 2024
8 May 2024	Virtual practical workshop	Zoom	29 April 2024
22 June 2024	Virtual practical workshop	Zoom	10 June 2024
31 July 2024	Virtual practical workshop	Zoom	22 July 2024
24 August 2024	Virtual practical workshop	Zoom	14 August 2024
2 October 2024	Virtual practical workshop	Zoom	18 September 2024
16 November 2024	Virtual practical workshop	Zoom	4 November 2024
4 December 2024	Virtual practical workshop	Zoom	25 November 2024

Please email the application form with applicable documents and proof of payment to [dispensing@sbuys.co.za](mailto:dispensing@sbuys.co.za).

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT (018) 788 2102 / 2103 and request to speak to Gertruida or email [dispensing@sbuys.co.za](mailto:dispensing@sbuys.co.za).

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any further queries.

Kind regards,

***Estelle Victor***

Executive Manager: S Buys Academy (Pty) Ltd

**Application for registration:  
Dispensing for Healthcare professionals**

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**Course Information:**

<b>I would like S Buys Academy to order a new SAMF on my behalf at an additional cost of approximately R1 200 for the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition (Price subject to change)</b>	<b>YES</b>		<b>NO</b>	
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**Personal Information:**

<b>Title:</b>	
<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>First name(s):</b>	
<b>ID number:</b>	
<b>Professional qualification:</b>	Year obtained:
<b>Occupation:</b>	
<b>Professional body registration no.:</b> (HPCSA / SANC)	
<b>Practice number:</b>	
<b>Race:</b> (Tick one)	Black <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Coloured <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Gender:</b> (Tick one)	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Contact numbers:</b>	Home: <input type="text"/> Work: <input type="text"/>
	Fax: <input type="text"/> Cell: <input type="text"/>
<b>Email address must be filled in:</b>	
<b>Full address where study material must be couriered:</b> (You must be available during working hours at this address to ensure delivery)	Address 1: Address 2: Town: Province: <span style="float: right;">Postal code:</span>

**Employer Information:**

<b>Employer:</b> (Tick one)	Private sector: <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Sector: <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Name of the practice of employment:</b>		
<b>If public sector:</b>	Sub-district: <input type="text"/>	District: <input type="text"/> Region: <input type="text"/>
<b>Name of Owner/Manager:</b>		
<b>Contact details of employer:</b>	Tel: <input type="text"/>	Fax: <input type="text"/>
	Cell: <input type="text"/>	Email: <input type="text"/>

**Payee Information:**

<b>Amount incl. VAT payable:</b>		
<b>Who should be invoiced:</b> (Tick one)	Self-funded: <input type="checkbox"/> Employer: <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Name of person or company to be invoiced:</b>		
<b>Company VAT number:</b>		
<b>Contact person at the company:</b>		
<b>Contact details of payee:</b>	Tel: <input type="text"/>	Fax: <input type="text"/>
	Cell: <input type="text"/>	Email: <input type="text"/>
<b>Address for correspondence:</b> (Person or company to be invoiced)	Address:  <span style="float: right;">Postal code:</span>	

**Documentation to be attached to this application:**

	List of documents	Check yourself	For office use only
1.	Clear and legible copy of the ID document		
2.	Proof of registration for 2024 with a Professional Body (HPCSA or SANC)		
3.	Proof of payment of course fees		

**Information regarding fees:**

1.	The applicant is responsible for the payment of all re-assessment fees!!
2.	The learner will be charged a cancellation fee for not attending a booked workshop or summative assessment.
3.	If a learner is found guilty of any fraudulent activity regarding the course, they will be suspended for three months and fined a penalty fee.
4.	In the event of cancellation of the course by the learner, the learner will be liable for payment of a cancellation fee of R1 200.00 (incl. VAT). This fee is subject to the learner neither having attended a workshop nor submitted a formative assessment/assignment/summative assessment.
5.	<b>Please note:</b> The person initially liable for payment of the course expenditure and fee will only be entitled to a refund if notice of the cancellation of the course by the learner is given in writing within the first 6 (six) months from the commencement date of the course and further subject thereto that the learner has completed two or fewer sessions of the course within this period. If a learner is expelled from S Buys Academy due to fraudulent activity, the person initially liable for payment of the course will not be eligible for any refund.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO APPLICATION FORM WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION.**

**CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

I, ....., the undersigned, declare that this document constitutes a binding agreement upon the terms set out therein between myself and S Buys Academy (Pty) Ltd (hereforth referred to as the Academy) when signed.

- I understand that it is **my responsibility to notify the Academy within 5 working days if there have been any changes in my personal information.**
- I take note that unless an alternative arrangement can be made for my study material to be sent to me, I will be liable for the cost of courier fees exceeding R100.00.
- I note that if the Academy has to resend study material or certificates, I will be liable for the additional courier costs incurred.
- I take note that the Academy will not allow me to book for my final summative assessment if any fees are outstanding.
- I also understand that the Academy will be under no obligation to issue any final results if any amounts are outstanding on my account.
- In line with Section 15 of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 4 of 2013, I hereby give my consent freely and voluntarily that the Academy, its data operators, and its employees may collect, process, share, and store my personal data obtained through this document including future documents, such as notification forms, assessments and assignments, in the day to day business with regard to the completion of this course, to create a profile and update it from time to time. The Academy and its employees may further share the information obtained to report on the progress of my studies to my coordinator, employer, or funder, as the case may be.
- I understand that the personal information I recorded and stored by the Academy is protected under and in full accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (4 of 2013). Any additional personal information I supply will be subject to the same standard of confidentiality and protection.
- I understand that I may enquire about what personal information the Academy shares and why it is necessary. I further understand that I may object to my information being processed and request a correction or deletion of my information at any time.

The Academy may  / may not  (tick the relevant box) send me marketing information about new courses or products via email in the future.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed on behalf of S Buys Academy: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For office use only:**

Application approved:

Yes

No

Registration number: \_\_\_\_\_

