

## INFORMATION SHEET

### HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (HPCSA)

#### MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

##### Step 1:

All medical certificates issued by a medical doctor after a medical examination on a patient needs to be stamped and signed by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

By stamping and signing the certificates, the HPCSA confirms that the medical doctor is a registered medical practitioner in South Africa.

Note: The Legalisation Section does not legalise actual x-rays. The results of the x-rays must be contained in the document issued by the medical practitioner, which should be stamped and signed by the HPCSA.

All pages must be stamped and signed by the HPCSA to be included for legalisation.

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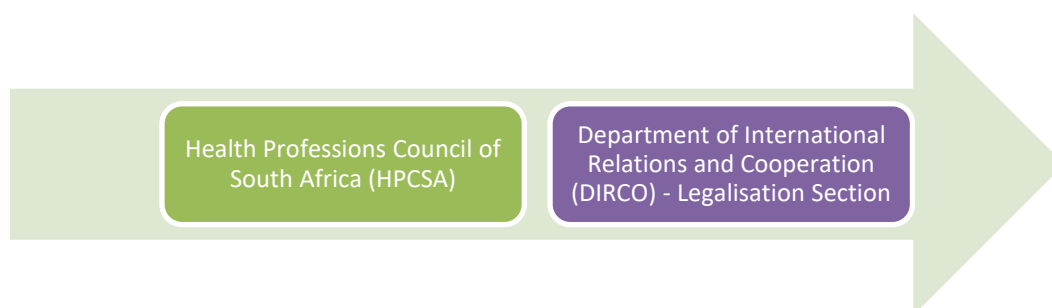
Website: [www.hpcsa.co.za](http://www.hpcsa.co.za)

***NOTE: The DIRCO – Legalisation Section does not take any responsibility for incorrect information provided, due to changes in the relevant authorities contact details; procedures; etc. It is therefore the responsibility of the customer to verify information directly with the relevant institution concerned.***

##### Step 2:

The documents must then be submitted to the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) – Legalisation Section in Pretoria for legalisation purposes (Apostille or Authentication) for use abroad.

**NOTE: Flow diagram: To follow the process as explained above (when the destination country is signatory/party to the Apostille Convention) – and when the Apostille Certificate will be issued and affixed:**



*(If the Convention applies, an Apostille is the only formality that is required to establish the origin of the public document – no additional requirement may be imposed to authenticate the origin of the public document.)*

**NOTE: Flow diagram: To follow the process as explained above (when the destination country is NOT signatory/party to the Apostille Convention) – and when the Certificate of Authentication will be issued and affixed:**



**CONTACT DETAILS: Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) - Legalisation Section**

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**Note:** As the Legalisation Section receives a high volume of incoming calls pertaining to general enquiries, it is therefore recommended that you forward your enquiry via e-mail to [legalisation@dirco.gov.za](mailto:legalisation@dirco.gov.za), as to ensure that you are able to receive the relevant assistance and guidance in writing from the Legalisation Section.

Tel: (012) 351-1000 (switchboard, ask for legalisation section)

E-mail: [legalisation@dirco.gov.za](mailto:legalisation@dirco.gov.za)

Website: [www.dirco.gov.za](http://www.dirco.gov.za) – Services - Consular Services – Consular Information - Notarial Services (Legalisation)

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