



# Professional Indemnity Acknowledgement

I.....can confirm that I acknowledge and have understood Ambition 24 Hours advice with regard to taking out Professional Indemnity Insurance.

At this moment in time I do not have Professional Indemnity Insurance and I realise that without this insurance I could be liable for all costs relating to any claim made against me.

I also understand that the Minister of Health intends, in terms of section 61(1)(c) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No 56 of 1974), in consultation with the HPCSA, to make regulations relating to Indemnity Cover for Registered Practitioners. This schedule will make it compulsory for ALL Independent Practitioners to have a valid Professional Indemnity.

This amendment to the act is expected to be promulgated by no later than the end of 2006.

A copy of the above proposed schedule has been given to me.

NAME.....DATE.....

SIGNED.....

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

No. R. ....

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**HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA  
REGULATIONS RELATING TO INDEMNITY COVER FOR REGISTERED  
PRACTITIONERS**

The Minister of Health intends, in terms of sections 61(1)(c) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Development), within one month of the date of publication of this notice.

**SCHEDULE**

**Definitions**

1. In these regulations any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning, and, unless the context otherwise indicates -

“**indemnity cover**” means insurance provided by recognised providers in terms of the relevant Insurance Act or professional indemnity provided through membership of a recognised medical protection organisation;

**“independent practice”** means the practicing of a registered profession by a practitioner for his or her own account, either in *solus* practice, or as a partner in a partnership with other practitioners, or as an associate in an association with other practitioners, or as a director of a company established in terms of section 54A of the Act;

**“practitioner”** means a person registered under the Act;

**“section”** means a section of the Act; and

**“the Act”** means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No.56 of 1974).

#### **Requirements for indemnity cover**

2. A practitioner registered in the category independent practice, shall obtain a professional indemnity cover, which must be maintained at all times.
3. A practitioner referred to in regulation 2, shall provide the council with documentary proof and details of such professional indemnity cover on an annual basis.
4. Any practitioner who practises in contravention of regulation 2 commits an unprofessional conduct that may lead to an inquiry in terms of Chapter IV of the Act.

**MINISTER OF HEALTH**

**DATE:**