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**PROVISION OF SHARED SERVICES BY THE
SECRETARIAT OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL BOARDS (SPB)
TO ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL BOARDS**

The Ministry of Health (MOH) will bring together the secretariat staff of all healthcare professional councils and boards under a single secretariat team - the **Secretariat of healthcare Professional Boards (SPB) – with effect from 1 January 2020**. SPB will support the secretariat and operational functions for healthcare professional councils and boards.

2. Today, each healthcare professional council or board has a small number of staff to support its daily secretariat and operational functions. These include registering and maintaining the Registers of different healthcare professions, administering continuing professional education and supporting the professional boards in governing and regulating the professional conduct and ethics of registered healthcare professionals. Bringing together all secretariat staff under one team to support the secretariat and operational functions enables greater economy of scale and operational efficiency, better service levels, and more effective process controls.

3. The new SPB will support the secretariat and operational functions of the following bodies:

- i. Allied Health Professions Council (AHPC)
- ii. Optometrists and Opticians Board (OOB)
- iii. Singapore Dental Council (SDC)
- iv. Singapore Medical Council (SMC)
- v. Singapore Nursing Board (SNB)
- vi. Singapore Pharmacy Council (SPC)
- vii. Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board (TCMPB)
- viii. Family Physicians Accreditation Board (FPAB)
- ix. Specialists Accreditation Board (SAB)
- x. Dental Specialists Accreditation Board (DSAB)



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xi. Pharmacy Specialists Accreditation Board (PSAB)

4. The registration and regulation of healthcare professionals will continue to be governed by the professional councils and boards. The councils and boards will retain autonomy and independence over professional and statutory matters, as provided for under their respective professional registration Acts.

5. The SPB will be headed by Mrs Joanna Tan, Executive Director of SPB. SPB's management and staff commit to work closely with all stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition. From 1 January 2020, emails of all the Professional Board staff will be under the SPB with the following format: <[Name of officer](#)>@spb.gov.sg.

6. Enquiries on various Professional Board related matters can be directed to the respective professional councils and boards as follows:

PB	Till 31 December 2019	With effect from 1 January 2020
AHPC	Enquiries@ahpc.gov.sg	AHPC@spb.gov.sg
OOB	Enquiries@oob.gov.sg	OOB@spb.gov.sg
SDC	Enquiries@dentalcouncil.gov.sg	SDC@spb.gov.sg
SMC	Enquiries@smc.gov.sg	SMC@spb.gov.sg
SNB	SNB_Contact@snb.gov.sg	SNB@spb.gov.sg
SPC	Enquiries@spc.gov.sg	SPC@spb.gov.sg
TCMPB	Enquiries@tcmpb.gov.sg	TCMPB@spb.gov.sg
DSAB	DSAB_Enquiries@dentalcouncil.gov.sg	DSAB@spb.gov.sg
FPAB	FPAB_Enquiries@smc.gov.sg	FPAB@spb.gov.sg
PSAB	PSAB_Enquiries@spc.gov.sg	PSAB@spb.gov.sg
SAB	SAB_Enquiries@smc.gov.sg	SAB@spb.gov.sg



7. For further clarifications on this circular, please email MOH_Info@moh.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully



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