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Registered Allied Health Professionals

NAMES OF REGISTERED PRACTITIONERS WHICH ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE NAME REGISTERED WITH ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

It has been brought to the Allied Health Professions Council's (AHPC) attention by members of the public that they were unable to find the names of certain registered Allied Health Professionals (AHP) in practice. It was noted that this was because a few practitioners use or display names which are different from their actual names which were submitted to the AHPC.

2 AHPC will follow the name shown on the AHPs' NRIC or passport for its documents and letters (e.g. electronic certificates, certificate of good standing). AHPs must display the name as registered with AHPC for their cards, letter, stationery, nameplate, signboard, placard, circular, handbill or any notice and material used in their practice so that it is not misleading or confusing to the public and to patients. This will enable the search of the AHPs' names on the AHPC's Register of Allied Health Professionals ("Register") by the public to verify his or her registration with AHPC.

3 The AHPC would also like to remind AHPs that in accordance with Section 14(4)(a)¹ of the Allied Health Professions Act ("the Act"), AHPs are required to inform the Registrar in writing of any change in his/her name within 28 days after such change. As per section 14(5) of the Act, any person who contravenes subsection 14(4)(a) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000. AHPs who have had a name change are required to submit a deed poll when updating the change in name with AHPC.

¹ Section 14(4)(a) of the Allied Health Professions Act states that "subject to subsection (6), every person whose name is entered in a register shall inform the Registrar in writing of any change in his name or residential address" within 28 days after such change.

4 The AHPC would like to state that a new registration certificate will **not** be issued with a change in name. The new name will however be reflected on the AHPs' practising certificate upon its renewal and in the online Register searchable by the public.

5 Lastly, the AHPC would like to remind that Section 12(3)² of the Allied Health Professions (Registration and Practising Certificates) Regulations 2013 makes it mandatory for the holder of a practising certificate to make available his/her original practising certificate when requested to do so in his/her practice as an AHP.

6 You can contact AHPC@spb.gov.sg if you need further clarifications.

Thank you.



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² Section 12(3) of the Allied Health Professions Regulations states that "The holder of a practicing certificate shall make available his original practicing certificate when requested to do so in his practice as an allied health professional".