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Dear Dr Mabasa,

DISPENSING LICENCES FOR DOCTORS WHO OPERATE AS LOCUMS

Your letter dated 18 July 2014 refers:

1. Your attention is drawn to Regulation 18(3)(b) of the General Regulations of the Medicines and Related Substances Act 101 of 1965, as amended, which states that the application for a dispensing licence shall contain, "the exact location of the premises where compounding and/or dispensing will be carried out". Furthermore, Regulation 18(8)(a-k), states the conditions by which the dispensing licence holder must abide, with Regulation 18(8)(j) stating that the person who has been issued with the licence shall "conspicuously display the licence in the premises..."
2. In addressing your concerns, the Department has undertaken to continue with issuing Dispensing Licences to Locum Doctors, with the following conditions that:
 - a. the holder of the locum licence may only use it at premises where the owner of the practice is a holder of a valid dispensing licence, and
 - b. the locum dispensing licence must be conspicuously displayed in the premises where the locum is done, for the duration of the locum.

Strengthening health system effectiveness is one of the Department's focuses, and engaging with you on these matters is welcome at all times.

Kind regards,

MR GAVIN STEEL
For DIRECTOR GENERAL
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