



## **NURSING COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA**

### **REGULATORY DIRECTIVES ON NURSING AND MIDWIFERY TRAINING IN NAMIBIA**

#### **1.0 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM**

Nursing and Midwifery educational institutions in Namibia have increased significantly, therefore, the number of Nursing and Midwifery students has surpassed the capacities of the approved training hospitals and health facilities. This situation negatively affect the quality of the nursing and midwifery training in Namibia, compromise the standards of nursing and midwifery practice, patient safety, and contribute to a high unemployment rate amongst Nursing and Midwifery graduates.

#### **2.0 PURPOSE**

The Regulatory Directives aim to maintain the quality of Nursing and Midwifery training, prevent deficiencies in Nursing and Midwifery practices, and ensure public protection.

#### **3.0 SCOPE**

The Regulatory Directives apply to current and prospective educational institutions for Nurses and Midwives in Namibia.

#### **4.0 DIRECTIVE DETAILS**

- i. The number of student intakes at all approved educational institutions is limited to fifty (50) students per campus per annum. In cases where an educational institution had already enrolled students beyond this number, this directive will apply on the next intake.
- ii. All approved educational institutions must have one intake of students per year.
- iii. No new Nursing and Midwifery campuses should be opened until further notice. This directive excludes new campuses already approved by the Council but did not yet commence with training.
- iv. The approval of new undergraduate training programmes for Nurses and Midwives is suspended until further notice.
- v. As of January 2025, all locally trained Nursing and Midwifery graduates must pass the Nursing Council evaluation before registration or enrolment as practitioners.
- vi. Non-compliance with the directives by an approved educational institution will result in the withdrawal of its approval by the Nursing Council.

Issued on behalf of the Nursing Council by:

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