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RE: CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR MBChB AND BDS FINAL YEAR STUDENTS

The above matter refers.

The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council ('the Council') is established under the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act (CAP 253 – Laws of Kenya) with the mandate to regulate the training and practice of medicine and dentistry and health institutions in the country.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent measures that have been put in place to limit the spread of the coronavirus, among them being the closure of Universities; the Council has hereby considered the issue of final year students undertaking their clinical examinations in readiness for Internship Training Placement soon thereafter.

The Council is cognizant of the ongoing efforts that the medical and dental schools have made with regards to the online teaching and examination of medical and dental students.

In the premises, pursuant to **Section 4(1)(a)** of CAP 253 which provides as follows: -

> ***4. Functions of the Council***
> ***(1) The functions of the Council shall be to—***
> ***(a) establish and maintain uniform norms and standards on the learning of medicine and dentistry in Kenya;***

As read together with **Section 11A** of CAP 253 which provides as follows:

> ***11A. Supervisory functions of the Council***

(1) The Council shall satisfy itself that courses of study to be followed by students for a degree in medicine or dentistry, including the standard of proficiency required for admission thereto and the standards of examinations leading to the award of a degree, are sufficient to guarantee that the holder thereof has acquired the minimum knowledge and skill necessary for the efficient practice of medicine or dentistry.

(2) For the purposes of this section the Council may—

(b) appoint persons to attend examinations in any aspect of medicine or dentistry at any such university or institution and to report to it on the sufficiency of the examinations and on such matters relating thereto as the Council may require;

In light of the above, the Council wishes to advise all deans of medical and dental schools to urgently put in place mechanisms to allow all final year medical and dental students to undertake their mandatory clinical examinations; within the approved university and teaching hospitals.

The deans **MUST** ensure that the COVID-19 Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health are strictly adhered to.

Further, the Council shall, in accordance with Section 11A(2)(b), appoint a team of examiners to participate in the said exams so as to ensure compliance with provisions of CAP 253 and the Ministry of Health COVID-19 guidelines.

Do submit a copy of your institution's examination timetable on or before **Monday 31st August, 2020.**

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