



NEWS UPDATE

TO: All stakeholders

8 April 2016

Dear Colleagues

Herewith a News Update on the following points for your information:

1. Emergency Care Clinical Practice Guidelines
2. ECSSA Membership 2016 - renewal and engagement
3. ECSSA Conference 2016
4. HPCSA Annual Fees and restoration

1. EMERGENCY CARE CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Earlier this year, upon the request of our members, the Society lodged an enquiry with the HPCSA seeking clarity on the status of emergency care protocol updates.

The HPCSA has subsequently issued a public notice advising the profession that we can expect rigorous changes to emergency care protocols as we know them and that certain outputs in this regard can be expected by mid-June 2016.

The full public statement by the HPCSA can be accessed at the following link:

http://www.hpcsa.co.za/uploads/editor/UserFiles/downloads/emergency_care/UPDATE_ON_STATUS_REVIEW_OF_PROTOCOLS_CLINICAL_GUIDELINES_MARCH_2016.pdf

ECSSA's own position statement on Clinical Practice Guidelines can be accessed at the following link:

http://www.ecssa.org.za/images/pdf/pos_statements/pos_statement_01-15.pdf

2. ECSSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND ENGAGEMENT IN 2016

Please take note that our membership cycle lapses on 31 March every year.

We would therefore like to encourage all current and prospective members **to renew their Society membership** as soon as may be possible.

The current annual membership fee for 2016 is R100.00 (one hundred Rand), pro-rated according to the member's date of joining the organisation.

For new applications, please visit the following link:

http://www.ecssa.org.za/membership_application.aspx

For existing members wishing to renew their membership for 2016, please pay your subscription into the following bank account and send us your proof of payment to membership@ecssa.org.za or send it to us via fax on 086 551 9469.

BANK: ABSA

BRANCH CODE: 632 005 (Davenport)

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 407 444 66 26

REFERENCE: HPCSA registration number

In order for us to develop as an organisation, it is imperative to have subscribing members so that our activities can be sustained. If you would like to know more about ECSSA and what we do, please visit the following link:

<http://www.ecssa.org.za/about.aspx>

Our vision is to be an established professional society that strives to advance and represent pre-hospital emergency care in South Africa. The better our membership numbers, the more we are able to do for the profession. ECSSA is not only for Advanced Life Support providers and at this stage we are working on various projects to benefit practitioners across the board.

2016 promises to be an exciting year as we will be launching a membership development initiative to ensure improved communication with our members and the profession at large. Once this initiative is up and running, we will be opening up invitations for interested persons to join our cause much more freely.

3. ECSSA CONFERENCE 2016

Please take note the 2016 conference will be held in Cape Town in September month. This will surely be an interesting and engaging experience for anyone having an interest in emergency medical care. The conference details and fees can be viewed on our website at the following link:

<http://www.ecssa.org.za/conference.aspx>

4. HPCSA ANNUAL FEES AND RESTORATION

We have noted that the annual fees for HPCSA registration have been published and that the current fees show a concerning increase as compared to previous years. Whilst this is an issue that definitely requires attention and investigation, we would like to encourage EMS professionals to continue paying their HPCSA fees, as it is an offense to practice whilst not being currently registered.

(SEE OVERLEAF FOR A TABLE OF HPCSA ANNUAL FEES)

If you have failed to pay your HPCSA fees, please take note that the 2016 registration fees are as follows:

ANT	Paramedic	906.00
ECP	Emergency Care Practitioner	906.00
ECT	Emergency Care Technician	906.00
ANA	Ambulance Emergency Assistant	906.00
BAA	Basic Ambulance Assistant	745.00
OECO	Operational Emergency Care Orderly	906.00
ECA	Emergency Care Assistant	745.00

If your name has been removed from the register, you should follow the guidelines detailed below:

<http://www.hpcsa.co.za/PBEmergencyCare/Restoration>

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to closer engagement with the profession in months to come!

Kind regards

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