



Dear Healthcare Professional

COURSE REQUIRED BY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TO APPLY FOR A DISPENSING LICENSE WITH THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Herewith are details of the course required by healthcare professionals to apply for a Dispensing License with the National Department of Health.

1. Introduction to the course

According to the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act (Act 101 of 1965 Section 22C(2)), any healthcare professional who intends to dispense medicine must apply for a dispensing license with the Director-General of Health. The license will only be issued once the applicant provides proof of completing a supplementary dispensing course.

The **S Buys Academy** is an accredited provider of the dispensing course with the South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC). The course is accredited as a short course (over 4 months). **It is also accredited by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as a CPD course worth 30 points.**

The learner will be issued a “Dispensing for Health Care Professionals Certificate” upon completing the course. This certificate must be submitted with the application for a license to dispense medicine to the Director-General of Health.

Feel free to visit the Academy’s webpage at www.sbuys.co.za for the step-by-step procedure to apply for a Dispensing Licence.

2. Minimum requirements

The minimum requirements to enrol for the Dispensing Course for Healthcare Professionals are as follows:

- **Medical Practitioner:**

- A qualified Medical Practitioner is a person who has obtained a Bachelor of Medicine at a university and is registered as such with HPCSA and
- Completed compulsory Internship and Community Service for health professionals as governed by the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974)

- **Nurses:**

- A Registered General Nurse (who completed a Diploma in Nursing on a three-year course plan) registered as such with SANC or a Registered Professional Nurse or Midwife (who completed a Bachelor of Nursing on a four-year programme at a university) registered as such with SANC and
- Completed compulsory Community Service for health professionals as governed by the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974)

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****Please note a Nursing Auxiliary with a Higher Certificate in Nursing (one-year programme) does not meet the minimum requirements.**

If the above minimum requirements are not met, e.g. the prospective applicant is still completing their Community Service year, they should first apply for a Dispensing License with the National Department of Health. If the license is conditionally approved, the applicant can use it to be allowed to enrol for the Dispensing course for Healthcare Professionals.

3. Course structure

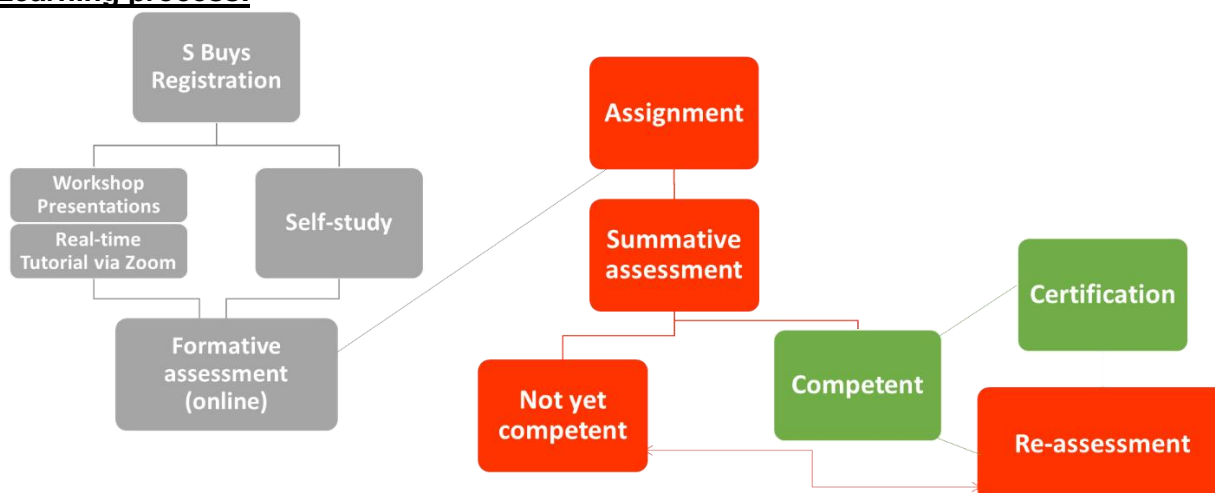
The course is divided into five study units, namely:

Study Unit	Title	Credits
1	Legal and Ethical Framework for Dispensing in South Africa	7
2	Basic Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Considerations in Dispensing	7
3	Good Dispensing Practice	7
4	Generic Substitution and the Importance of Patient Compliance when Dispensing	4
5	Drug Supply Management Supporting Dispensing	5
		30 credits

All learners are assessed in three ways, namely:

- a) **Formative assessment:** The formative assessments are in the form of multiple-choice questions on the e-learning platform. A competence of 70% is required, and the platform will allow the learner unlimited opportunities to reassess the formative assessment until competence is reached.
- b) **Assignment on dispensing in practice:** Each learner receives a document explaining what is required for the assignment and what needs to be completed. The assignment is the practical assessment of the course. Competence must be obtained before the final certificate will be issued.
- c) **Summative assessment:** This is the final knowledge assessment in the form of case studies. Learners may use their textbooks as a reference. The summative assessment tests the learner's ability to apply the knowledge gained. Summative assessments are written in the presence of an invigilator as arranged with the S Buys Academy. A learner will be allowed 5 hours to complete the summative assessment. Competence must be reached in each question (questions test specific outcomes for which competence is required) before the final certificate will be issued.

4. Learning process:



5. Course delivery and fees:

A learner needs access to a laptop, tablet or smartphone with data to do the course at R4 500.00 (incl. VAT)

- The workshop is presented in pre-recorded presentations on the S Buys Academy's e-learning platform.
- You have to work through these presentations on your own time.
- The presentations follow each other, and you need to watch each one as you cannot continue to the next until you have finished the previous one.
- The Academy has a live real-time tutorial session via Zoom scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month from 10:00 to 11:00 in the morning. You may attend as many of these sessions (over the 4-month course period).
- You have to book for the real-time tutorial by registering on the e-learning platform.
- Once all audio-visual presentations are watched, the learner can access the formative assessments.
- Upon competence of all the formative assessments, the learner can submit the assignment and book for the summative assessment.
- Competence in both the assignment and the summative assessment is required before the certificate is issued.
- Upon course completion, a Certificate is issued, which the learner can use to apply for a Dispensing License with the National Department of Health.

Additional fees:

- The following additional fees are payable upon reassessment:
 - ✓ Reassessment of formative assessment: **Free of charge**
 - ✓ Reassessment of assignment: **R500** (incl. VAT)
 - ✓ Reassessment of summative: **R500** (incl. VAT)
- Readmission: A learner may progress at their own speed and be allowed **4 months** to complete the course. If the course is incomplete, the learner must apply for an extended contract period of 4 months (the readmission form is available on the e-learning platform or from dispensing@sbuys.co.za).

Full payment is expected upon enrolment.

Payments can be made directly into our bank account:

Name of Account: S Buys Academy
Bank: ABSA (632005)
Account number: (Cheque) 40 54 41 46 95
Reference: Name and surname of candidate / ID number

Please email the application form with applicable documents and proof of payment to dispensing@sbuys.co.za.

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT (018) 788 2102 / 2103 and request to speak to Gertruida or email dispensing@sbuys.co.za.

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any further queries.

Kind regards,

Estelle Victor

Executive Manager: S Buys Academy (Pty) Ltd

Documentation to be attached to this application:

	List of documents 2025	Check yourself	For office use only
1.	Clear and legible copy of the ID document		
2.	Proof of registration for 2024 with a Professional Body (HPCSA or SANC)		
3.	Proof of payment of course fees		

Information regarding fees:

1.	The applicant is responsible for paying all reassessment fees!!
2.	The learner will be charged a cancellation fee for not attending a booked summative assessment.
3.	If a learner is found guilty of any fraudulent activity regarding the course, they will be suspended for three months and fined a penalty fee.
4.	A learner is eligible for a partial refund of course fees permitting the following: A cancellation form must be emailed to dispensing@sbuys.co.za within the first month of the onset of the course, and no assignments or summative assessments may have been written or submitted for assessment. R1300 of the course fees is non-refundable.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO APPLICATION FORM WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION.

CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

I,, the undersigned, declare that this document constitutes a binding agreement upon the terms set out therein between myself and S Buys Academy (Pty) Ltd (henceforth referred to as the Academy) when signed.

- I understand that it is **my responsibility to notify the Academy within 5 working days if there have been any changes in my personal information.**
- I take note that unless an alternative arrangement can be made for my study material to be sent to me, I will be liable for the cost of courier fees exceeding R100.00.
- I note that if the Academy has to resend study material or certificates, I will be liable for the additional courier costs incurred.
- I take note that the Academy will not allow me to book for my final summative assessment if any fees are outstanding.
- I also understand that the Academy will be under no obligation to issue any final results if any amounts are outstanding on my account.
- In line with Section 15 of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 4 of 2013, I hereby give my consent freely and voluntarily that the Academy, its data operators, and its employees may collect, process, share, and store my personal data obtained through this document including future documents, such as notification forms, assessments and assignments, in the day to day business with regard to the completion of this course, to create a profile and update it from time to time. The Academy and its employees may further share the information obtained to report on the progress of my studies to my coordinator, employer, or funder, as the case may be.
- I understand that the personal information I recorded and stored by the Academy is protected under and in full accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (4 of 2013). Any additional personal information I supply will be subject to the same standard of confidentiality and protection.
- I understand that I may enquire about what personal information the Academy shares and why it is necessary. I further understand that I may object to my information being processed and request a correction or deletion of my information at any time.

The Academy may / may not (tick the relevant box) send me marketing information about new courses or products via email in the future.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signed on behalf of S Buys Academy: _____ Date: _____

For office use only:

Application approved:

Yes

No

Registration number: _____