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PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR PSYCHOLOGY

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Dear Mr Bischof

REVISED MANDATE OF THE PSYCHOMETRICS COMMITTEE OF THE PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR PSYCHOLOGY

Our previous engagements with Assessment Standards South Africa (ASSA) refers.

We wish to advise you that the Professional Board for Psychology at its recent meeting revised the mandate of the Psychometrics Committee to be in line with HPCSA regulatory framework. As of February 2019, the Psychometrics Committee will deal with all matters pertaining to test classification (not evaluation), the education and training of psychometrics and psychological assessment.

These include:

- To classify any device, instrument, questionnaire, apparatus, method, technique or test aimed at the evaluation of emotional, behavioural and cognitive processes or adjustment of personality of individuals or groups of persons, or for the determination of intellectual abilities, psychopathology, personality make-up, personality functioning, aptitude or interests by the usage and interpretation of questionnaires, tests projections or other techniques or any apparatus, whether of SA origin or imported, and to report thereon to the Professional Board.
- The Annual publication of a list of psychological tests/psychometric instruments classified by the Professional Board.

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- Develop training guidelines/standards related to psychometrics and psychological assessment that can inform and be used in the accreditation of qualifications, universities and internship programmes, when setting the national Board examinations, and for continuing professional development purposes
- Develop guidelines for ethical practice related to test use and psychological assessment and how to assess whether a psychological test meets the required standards
- Develop minimum requirements/standards for psychological tests

Classification will entail verifying whether a test was psychological or not. To this end, practitioners and publishers should submit the full test manual that states the construct(s) tapped by the test, evidence of psychometric properties, an indication as to whether the item content was culturally appropriate. No costs would be attached to test classification by the Professional Board.

This decision will form part of our roundtable discussion during the PsySSA and SIOPSA Conferences, a media statement will also be made in this regard.

Yours faithfully,



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