

Categories of Registered, Licensed and Accredited Health Professions by NHPC

Health Care Professionals (HP).

The Somaliland Health Regulatory *Act 19/2001* requires all health care workers who directly work with patients in terms of assessment, diagnostics and treatment, to be register, licensed and monitored by NHPC. In addition to the registration and licensing of health professionals, NHPC is also mandated to take disciplinary actions when there is a malpractice and/or patient rights violations which are all enforceable by the Health Regulatory *Act (19/2001)*.

Health Training Institutions (HTI).

The mandate to recognize and accredit health training programmes lies with the National Health Professions Commission (NHPC) of Somaliland, which performs this function in consultation with Ministries of Higher Education and Ministry of Health and therefore, all health training institutions should adhere to the standards set by the commission which are fully enforceable by the Health Regulatory *Act 19/2001*.

Health Care Facilities (HCF).

Under the Health Professions *Act 19/2001*, the NHPC is mandated to;

- Register and license all health facilities.
- Enter and inspect any health facility to ensure that provisions of the Act are complied with.
- Exercise disciplinary control over professionals.
- Determine fees for application, registration and renewal of health facilities.
- Regulate the practice of health professionals through registration and issuance of licenses.
- Monitor and evaluate the performance of all health professionals to safe guard the public from unethical practices.