



**HEALTH PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL
(SEYCHELLES)**

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION ANNUAL
REPORT 2024**

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INTRODUCTION

Health Professionals Council, Seychelles (HPC) is a professional body that was established in 2012, with the aim to regulate and register all allied health professionals across the Seychelles. Governed by the Health Professionals Act (2006), HPC monitors the compliance of any health professionals who are NOT doctors, nurses, midwives and dentists.

The Council comprises of thirteen (13) members; ten (10) of which ten are elected by the general assembly of registered allied health professionals and the other three (3) are nominated by the Minister for Health.

It is recommended that one (1) of these members are the Chief Allied Health Officer. A legal officer is also recommended and appointed by the Minister.

HPC regulates 20 different Health Cadres or fields, as follows:

1. Acupuncture
2. Audiology
3. Biomedical Engineering
4. Biomedical Laboratory
5. Dentistry
6. Dialysis
7. Emergency Care
8. Health Promotion
9. Health Statistics
10. Nutrition
11. Occupational Therapy
12. Optometry
13. Orthotic
14. Pharmacy
15. Physiotherapy
16. Psychology
17. Prosthetic
18. Public Health
19. Radiography
20. Speech Pathology

It is mandatory for all allied health professionals working in the Seychelles to be registered with HPC as per the law. HPC maintains a register of all allied health professionals who are eligible to practice in the Seychelles. Registration is valid for a period of 2 years and is renewable every 2 years.

➤ *Name of the Information Officer and duration since in this post.*

Name of Information Officer	Duration in Post
Melina Amedee	2 year

MISSION AND VISION OR MANDATE OF THE ORGANISATION

Mission:

To ensure that all Allied Health Professionals are competent to practice and to protect the public by promoting the highest possible professional standards.

Vision:

To be the recognized, independent and supreme authority regulating and monitoring the practices of all Allied Health Professionals for ensuring public protection

Function and mandate:

HPC keep a register of all of its registered members;

- (a) to register and to monitor the competence and regulate the performance of Health Professionals in Seychelles for the purpose of promoting and upholding the highest possible standard of their practice;
- (b) to inquire into allegations of serious professional misconduct and malpractice by Health Professionals and to take appropriate action in respect thereof.

ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS

SR No	ATI ACT REQUIREMENTS	No
1)	The total number of ATI requests for access received;	0
2)	<u>TYPE OF INFORMATION</u>	
	The number of requests for personal information	0
	The number of request for public domain information	0
	The number of request for third party information	0
	The number of request for commercial and confidential Information	0
	The number of request for law enforcement information	0
	The number of request for privileged documents	0
	The number of request for protection of life and safety of an individual information	0
	The number of request for National Security and defence	0
	The number of request for International relations	0
	The number of request for Economic interest of the state	0
	The number of request for Academic or professional examination and recruitment process information	0
	The number of request for proposal submitted to Cabinet	0
3)	The number of requests for access granted in full;	0
4)	The number of requests for access refuse in full;	0
	The number of requests for access refuse in part;	0
5)	The number of times each provision of Part III (EXEMPTIONS) was relied on to refuse access in full;	0
	The number of times each provision of Part III (EXEMPTIONS) was relied on to refuse access in part;	0

6)	The number of request abandoned after request	0
7)	The number of request but no records exist	0
8)	The number of cases in which the periods stipulated in section 11 were extended in terms of section 12;	0
9)	The number of review applications lodged with the head of the information holder;	0
10)	The number of reviews lodged on the ground that a request for access was regarded as having been refused in terms of section 14;	0
11)	The number of cases in which, as a result of a review, access was given to information;	0
12)	The number of request transferred to another Public Body	0

**Where is not applicable insert “0” or “N/A”*

I.	A description of the steps or efforts taken by the head of the body to encourage all officers of that body to comply with the provisions of this Act;
II.	Any facts which indicate an effort by the body to administer and implement the spirit and intention of the Act according to its submitted plan; <i>HPC continues to intensify its efforts into making information pertaining to its function and mandate available to its registrants, partners and general public via different modes of communication (e.g. Facebook, emails and website.</i>

	III. Particulars of any penalties imposed against any person under this Act; YES ☐ NO ☒ (If yes, list down)
	IV. Particulars of any disciplinary action taken against any person under this Act; YES ☐ NO ☒ (If yes, list down)

CHALLENGES

- *Particulars of any difficulties encountered in the implementation of this Act in terms of the operation of the body, including issues of staffing and cost. This also should include the challenges you encounter as an Information Officer.*

No difficulties or challenges is being experienced at this moment in time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- *Recommendations for reform, or amendment of this Act, other legislation, or practice relevant to the optimal realisation of the objectives of this Act.*

Information Commission strengthens its relationship with the information officers so that they are equipped to take on a more active role within the organisation they have been assigned to work for and not working in silos.

1) DECLARATION

I declare that in accordance to Section 54 of the Access to Information, Act 2018, the Annual Report are to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complete as per the requirements.

MELINA AMEODE

Name of Information Officer

Melina Ameode

Signature

11/2/2025

Date

I confirm that this Annual Report is verified and true, accurate and complete to my knowledge as the Head of Information Holder of **Health Professionals Council** on the date stated below.

PATRICIA RENE

Name of Head of Information Holder

Patricia Rene

Signature

Dated this 11TH of FEBRUARY, 2025

