



**HEALTH PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL**

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION ANNUAL  
REPORT 2025**

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# INTRODUCTION

Since its establishment in 2012, Health Professionals Council, Seychelles (HPC) strives its uttermost to achieve its mandate, which is to regulate and register all allied health professionals across the country. HPC sets to monitor the compliance of health professionals who are NOT doctors, nurses, midwives and dentists under the *Health Professionals Act (2006)*.

The council comprises of thirteen (13) members; ten (10) of which are elected by registered allied health professionals, through a formal voting process, and an additional three (3) members are nominated by the Ministry for Health; one of which is the Chief Allied Health Officer (CAHO).

HPC regulated forty-nine (49) allied health professionals from seventeen (17) health related cadres, which are as follows:

- |                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Audiology                       | 10. Orthotics                     |
| 2. Biomedical Laboratory Sciences  | 11. Pharmacy                      |
| 3. Emergency Services              | 12. Physiotherapy                 |
| 4. Haemodialysis                   | 13. Prosthetics                   |
| 5. Medical Imaging/Radiography     | 14. Psychology and Counselling    |
| 6. Nutrition Science and Dietetics | 15. Public Health                 |
| 7. Occupational Therapy            | 16. Speech and Language Pathology |
| 8. Optometry                       | 17. Health Sciences               |
| 9. Oral Health                     |                                   |

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 (<https://www.hpcseychelles.org/the-register/>). Allied Health Professionals not featured on the register SHOULD not be practicing. Registration is valid for a period of two (2) years and is renewable every two (2) years.

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

<b>Name of Information Officer</b>	<b>Duration in Post</b>
Melina Amedee	3 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)	<b><u>TYPE OF INFORMATION</u></b>	
	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 ( <b><i>EXEMPTIONS</i></b> ) was relied on to refuse access in full;	0
	The number of times each provision of Part III ( <b><i>EXEMPTIONS</i></b> ) 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”*

**Note:**

Some requests for information were received but did not stipulate “as per Access to Information Act”. However, these requests were still attended to as per required:

The number of requests for personal information	1
The number of request for third party information	2
The number of request for International relations	1

<p><b>I.</b></p>	<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A sensitization information sessions was conducted during the Board’s monthly meetings, by the Information Officer, on the Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2025.</li> <li>▪ The Act has been shared with Board members, and is also accessible via the official website.</li> <li>▪ Consultations between the Information Officer and Head of Editorial and Public Relations had been organised to clarify any doubts and to provide further guidance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>II.</b></p>	<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Responding to the recommendations of the audit report received from the Commission, published on our website, to ensure transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in compliance practices.</li> <li>▪ Implementing corrective measures highlighted in the audit findings and monitoring progress against the submitted plan.</li> <li>▪ Internal work is ongoing to improve accessibility of relevant information and documents through a more digital platform.</li> <li>▪ Attempt to respond to any recommendations or requests from the Information Commission.</li> </ul>
<p><b>III.</b></p>	<p>Particulars of any penalties imposed against any person under this Act;  <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, list down)</p>

<b>IV.</b>	Particulars of any disciplinary action taken against any person under this Act; YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, list down)
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## 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.*

None

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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

More proactive communication between Information Commission and the Information Officers. (It may be expected that Information Officers may remember all their roles and responsibilities – e.g. due dates, etc... however, advanced reminders may still be needed to ensure smooth flow of work and submissions.)

Nowadays, we have a WhatsApp group, which is being underused for active and proactive information sharing, especially information from the Information Commission; information that can significantly contribute towards the progressive development and active engagement of the Information Officers.

# 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 AMEDEC

Name of Information Officer

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature

23/3/26

Date

I confirm that this Annual Report is verified and true, accurate and complete to my knowledge as the Head of Information Holder of **(Insert the name of Public Body)** on the date stated below.

Patricia Rene

Name of Head of Information Holder

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2026.

