

# Section 4



# Guidance for Pharmacists

# Introduction

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This section contains guidance for pharmacists on their professional conduct. It also provides guidance to support pharmacists in applying particular legislation which may not necessarily be encompassed by the PSI's primary remit or functions but which is directly applicable to pharmacy practice.

The Code of Conduct requires that a pharmacist must conduct himself/herself in a manner which enhances the service which their profession as a whole provides to society and should not act in a way which might damage the good name of their profession. Members of the public place their trust in pharmacists as healthcare professionals, pharmacists are expected not only to be competent in their role, but must behave with probity and integrity and be accountable for their actions. Pharmacists must always be cognisant of this responsibility and be mindful that what they do in their personal life can impact on their professional role and practice.

The pharmacy owner, superintendent and supervising pharmacist must be aware of all legislation that applies to the operation of their pharmacy and the services that they provide. The superintendent and supervising pharmacist must ensure that all staff members are aware of PSI guidance and that they are appropriately trained and competent to carry out their role in compliance with relevant legislation, guidance and the pharmacy's own SOPs.