



NAMIBIA MEDICINES REGULATORY COUNCIL

MEDICINES SCHEDULING COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) JUNE 2026

BACKGROUND

The Medicines Scheduling Committee (MSC) is an advisory committee established in terms of section 13 of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, Act 13 of 2003. The mentioned committee takes effect after the approval of the presiding Namibia Medicines Regulatory Council.

PURPOSE OF THE CALL

The aim of the Medicines Scheduling Committee, as an expert advisory committee, shall be to advise the Council on matters relating to the scheduling, classification, reclassification, and control of medicines and related substances in terms of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, 2003 (Act No. 13 of 2003).

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The scope of activities of the Medicines Scheduling Committee shall include, but not be limited to the evaluation and review of applications for the scheduling, rescheduling, classification, or reclassification of medicines and related substances as well as the scientific assessment of medicines and related substances for purposes of determining the appropriate level of regulatory control. They shall review safety, efficacy, abuse potential, dependency risks, toxicity, therapeutic use, and public health implications associated with medicines and related substances and evaluate local and international regulatory decisions, scientific evidence, and emerging trends relevant to the scheduling and classification of medicines. The committee shall be involved in the development and review of guidelines, criteria, policies, and procedures relating to the scheduling and classification of medicines and related substances as well as the provision of scientific and technical recommendations to the Council regarding scheduling controls, exemptions, restrictions, or related regulatory measures and any other matter relating to the scheduling and classification of medicines and related substances as may be referred to the Committee by the Council.

APPOINTMENT AND MEMBERSHIP:

Members shall be appointed by Council according to Section 13 of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, 2003, and hold office at the discretion of Council. This may include persons other than members of the Council, as Council may consider fit to be members of a committee and the chairperson of such a committee.

Different amounts of remuneration may be determined under subsection (1) according to the different offices held on the committee, or the work performed for the committee, by the persons concerned.