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D/E/10/1.

Mr. R. Doorgapershad,
70 Lorne Street,
DURBAN.

9th February, 1954.

Dear Mr. Doorgapershad,

TRAINING OF NON-EUROPEANS AS PHARMACISTS.

In reply to your letter of the 5th February, I have pleasure in advising you that this Institute made representations to both the Minister of Health and to the Pharmacy Board about the training of Non-Europeans as pharmacists. Partly as a result of these representations the position is now that Non-Europeans, who previously experienced difficulty in doing their apprenticeship because European pharmacists were reluctant to take them as apprentices, can now do their apprenticeship training in the dispensaries of certain provincial hospitals.

Unfortunately all the practical difficulties have not yet been overcome. The Technical Colleges which give the theoretical training insist on an enrolment of at least twelve to eighteen apprentices and, in the case of the Witwatersrand Technical College, the laboratories which will be erected for the training of Non-European pharmacists have still to be built.

Kindly let me know if there is any other information which we could give you on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

F. J. van Wyk,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

40 Louie Street,
Durban
Natal.

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5th February, 1954.

The Secretary,

African Institute of Race Relations

P.O. Box 97

Johannesburg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am enquiring from your office whether your board has made any representation to the Pharmacy Board in Pretoria regarding ~~studying~~ for the degree of Pharmacy for non-European students. I enquired from the Durban office and they could not enlighten me on this subject.

I would appreciate it very much if your office would enlighten me on this subject.

Thanking you,

I remain,

yours faithfully,
R. Soorgapershad

Ref. No. D/E/10/1
ME/MO.

25th June, 1954.

H.J.C. Dumbrell, Esq.,
Swazi National School,
Matapha,
P.B. MBABANE, SWAZILAND.

Dear Sir,

In Mr. Whyte's absence at a World Conference on Race Relations in Honolulu, I have been asked to reply to your letter of June 18th.

Those wishing to train to be pharmacists need both practical and theoretical training. Until recently, the practical experience had to be gained by serving a period of apprenticeship to a qualified pharmacist. While there is no legal barrier to the apprenticeship of Non-Europeans, in practice they are not accepted. In 1951 this Institute urged that facilities should be granted to Europeans to establish pharmacies in African townships for stated periods, provided they agreed to train African apprentices. A pharmacist in Johannesburg agreed to do so, but the scheme fell through because there were no theoretical training facilities. The Pharmacy Board agreed in 1952 that apprenticeships might be served in dispensaries attached to Provincial Hospitals and several Provincial Administrations (E.G. Natal and the Transvaal) are in principle agreeable to Non-Europeans training in Non-European hospitals (e.g. Baragwanath); but again the absence of theoretical training facilities is the difficulty.

Several technical colleges are willing to provide the theoretical part of the course provided a minimum of about 20 Non-Europeans enrol, but they are faced with the difficulty that equipment required to set up separate laboratories would be very costly. Moreover, there has so far not been sufficient demand in any one centre for such classes. However, the S.A. Pharmacy Board is now negotiating with Fort Hare and with the M.L. Sultan Technical College in Durban and it is possible that classes may be started next year.

The position is, then, that there is no-where within South Africa where Mr. Ndlovu could at present train; but it might be worth while waiting until next year and then enquiring again from the Registrar, S.A. Pharmacy Board, 215 Transvalia Building, Pretoria. Durban seems, at present, to be the most likely centre: it is possible that if the M.L. Sultan College does establish classes,

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H.J.C. Dumbrell, Esq.

25th June, 1954.

the Provincial Administration might allow apprenticeships to be served in a Non-European Provincial Hospital in Durban.

In view of this, it does not seem that it would be worth while for Mr. Ndlovu to plan to go to another territory for his training. Even if he was able to obtain such training, the question of its recognition in South Africa would have to be decided as a special case by the Pharmacy Board. In any case, you say that he has financial difficulties and domestic ties, which would seem added reasons for not going outside South Africa for training.

I am passing Mr. Ndlovu's name to the Registrar of the Pharmacy Board, who has agreed to open a special file for Non-European applicants in order that he may be aware of the demand.

Yours faithfully,

Muriel Horrell (Miss),
TECHNICAL OFFICER.

Confidential

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kindly check? Mention
in what - Honolulu.
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Swazi National School
Matatfa

P.B. Mbabane.

18th June, 1954.

The Director,

S.A. Institute of Race Relations

P.O. Box 97

Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I am asking for your advice & if possible, help in connection with an African Teacher on the staff of this school where I am for a short while Acting Principal.

M^r M. Ndlovu, aged 24 & now married was born at Dundee, Natal, but has lived most of his life in Johannesburg & has a property at Orlando where his wife is now residing so as to satisfy "occupation" requirements which her husband is employed in Swaziland.

Although M^r Ndlovu possesses no professional qualification as a teacher he has done excellent work here as a teacher of Mathematics & other subjects to Junior Certificate Candidates & in his 'extra' classroom activities has done some very valuable work as a resident member of staff. I

- attach for your information a statement of his academic qualifications & it will be observed

that at one period he held a bursary awarded by the Johannesburg City Council.

Although, as already mentioned, he has proved himself a most valuable member of our staff I see but little prospect of his advancement as a reader & not being a Swazi he does not stand in my opinion much chance of being awarded a bursary for teacher-training such as is needed for a High School reader of Science.

What he would like to do would be to train in Pharmacy with a view to qualifying as a Pharmaceutical Chemist. The Science work that he has already done would, I believe, exempt him from a major portion of the course of academic work needed but there is the question of the apprenticeship period & it is in this connection that I ask the following questions:-

- (1) Is there any bar to an African who has completed the necessary requirements becoming a member of the S.A. Pharmaceutical Society?
- (2) If there is no bar such as mentioned in (1) is it possible to serve the necessary apprenticeship period in South Africa?
- (3) If it is not possible to qualify in S. Africa would it be possible to serve the necessary apprenticeship in S. or N. Rhodesia or in

Nyasaland?

4, Would it be necessary for him to do the two years of Academic work required for the Course at a University College + would that be possible in South Africa?

Nalovu has married early in life + so is faced with financial difficulties in connection with any University Training that may be necessary for any further training + I am wondering if there is any possibility of obtaining a bursary or scholarship for an aborigine such as he is +, if there is, I would like to let him know.

I am sorry to have written at such length but I am anxious to help, if possible, this young African who has the necessary mental endowment + character that would lead eventually to his being a real benefit to our Country. I shall be most grateful for any advice or help you may be able to afford. He certainly deserves it.

I am,

Yours very faithfully,
H. J. Dumbrell,

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

AGE: 24 years.

SINGLE OR MARRIED: Married.

CHILDREN: No children yet.

SECONDARY EDUCATION: I passed J.C. in the first class, in 1946, and, Joint Board Matric in the second class, in 1948. I was doing Maths. Elementary and Maths. advanced in Matric.

DEGREE STUDIES: I have Maths.1, Zulu 1 and 11 to my credit. I am therefore a B.A.11 Candidate.

BURSARY/ IES HELD BEFORE: I was the holder of the Johannesburg City Council Bursary in 1947/48. Good progress record, because I was always the first in class J.C. to Matric.

COURSE INTERESTED IN: M.P.S.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: 4 years.

OTHER PARTICULARS: My wife Mrs. Charlotte M. Ndlovu has attained a pass in the N.S.C. She is 20 years old and interested in Social Work and/or Mid-wifery.

Maxwell Ndlovu.
8/6/54

Ref. No. D/E/10/1.
MH/JH.

2nd August, 1954.


The Registrar,
S. A. Pharmacy Board,
212, Transvalia Buildings,
P R E T O R I A.

Dear Sir,

I notice with interest a Press report which states that arrangements have been made for Africans to be apprenticed to a pharmacist who has been authorized to trade in the Benoni African Township.

I shall be very appreciative if you will be kind enough to let me know whether this is the case, and if so, where these men will obtain their theoretical training.

Yours faithfully,


Muriel Horrell (Miss)
TECHNICAL OFFICER.

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The South African Pharmacy Board Die Suid-Afrikaanse Aptekerskommissie

TRANSVALIAGEBOU 215,
SENTRAALSTRAAT.

215, TRANSVALIA BUILDINGS,
CENTRAL STREET.

POSTAL ADDRESS P.O. BOX 96 }
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11th August, 1954.

Miss Muriel Horrell,
Technical Officer,
South African Institute
of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

13 AUG 1954

Dear Miss Horrell,

With reference to your letter D/E/10/1 of the 2nd instant I have to inform you that the manager of the non-European Affairs Department of the Town Council, Benoni, wrote to me some time ago about their proposal to register an apprentice in their native location at Wattville. I advised them of the requirements of the law in that respect including the proviso that a pharmacy shall have been established for at least three years before an apprentice may be engaged therein. I note from the Press report that a chemist and druggist has entered into an agreement with the Benoni Town Council under which he will always have native apprentices in training. He has not yet, however, obtained the authority of the Board to engage an apprentice and the Board will not grant him authority until the pharmacy has been established for three years and the Board is satisfied that the pharmacy is one in which an apprentice will receive a satisfactory training.

My Board is negotiating with the M.I. Sultan Technical College for non-Europeans in Durban and with the Fort Hare University College for the establishing of courses of study for non-Europeans wishing to qualify as chemists and druggists. As the demand for such tuition is very low, I do not anticipate the establishing of such courses for a year or two.

Yours truly,

J. J. J. J.
REGISTRAR.

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M.H.
SEP 9 1954

G. A. Hayat;
65 High Road,
Fordsburg,
Johannesburg.
8th September 1954

The Secretary,
S. A. Institute Of Race Relations,
4th + 5th Floors Transvalia Bld.,
Braamfontein.

Sir,

I will be highly obliged if you can kindly make arrangement for me at The General Hospital (Johannesburg) dispensary as an apprentice pharmacist learner from 1st October 1954.

I am a parttime student of The University of Witwatersrand 1st year B.Sc. and have taken Chemistry at present.

I earnestly hope you will kindly pay heed in arranging at the G. Hospital if possible in order to spare time for my studies.

Thanking you in anticipation,
Yours faithfully,
G. A. Hayat

M H
KWA-THEMA COMMUNITY SCHOOL,

KWA-THEMA,

S P R I N G S .

13th Septemeber, 1954.

SEP 14 1954

The Secretary,
Maurice Isaacson Educational Foundation,
Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is current rumour that opportunities will soon be extended to us to study pharmacy. This being so I hereby beg to apply to your committee for a bursary to enable me to study with the view of qualifying as a pharmacist.

I am 29 years of age, married and with one child. As a youth, I attended school at St. Peter's Secondary School, Rosettenville; until in 1944 when I passed the JOINT MATRICULATION BOARD EXAMINATION.

In 1946, I went to Fort Hare University College to take up B.Sc. and in 1948 graduated, with Mathematics and Physics as my major subjects. My other subjects included Chemistry, Zoology, and Applied Mathematics. In 1949, I passed the University Education Diploma examination to qualify as a teacher.

The following year, in 1950, I went back to my old school St. Peter's, to take up the post of Mathematics and Science master. During my stay there, I was house-master to the boys' hostel, and also the schools' Sports organiser.

At the beginning of 1954, I was entrusted with the responsibility of starting a new school here at Kwa-Thema, Springs; and in the nine months I have been Principal, I have worked hard to see the school grow to its present enrolment of 650 children.

I promise that should I be given this opportunity of achieving my ambition, I will acquit myself in such a manner, as will always make you proud of me.

I remain, Sir,

Yours obediently,

S. G. F. Ngakane.

Union of South Africa.
Unie van Suid-Afrika.

Memorandum.

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M.H.
The Principal,
Kwa-Thema Community Sch;
Kwa-Thema Location
SPRINGS

Miss. M. Hornell
Institute of Race Relations
P.O. Box 94,
Johannesburg

Dear Madam, I have been advised to write to you for advice and help in connection with enquiries I have been making re ways and means to enable me to study pharmacy, when such opportunities are extended to us.

Seeing I was writing to the Institute in this connection I thought sending you a copy of their letter would give you all the information you may want.

Whatever help you are able

to
be

give me ¹¹ in this connection will
highly appreciated.

Believe me,

Yours 'Obediently,

S. G. F. Nyakane

D/E/10/1.

15th September, 1954.

MH/JCF.

Mr. S.G.F. Ngakane,
Kwa-Thema Community School,
Kwa-Thema,
SPRINGS.

Dear Sir,


Thank you for your letter of 13th September, 1954. I am afraid that it is still not possible for Africans to train as pharmacists. The position is as follows :

- a) Practical training as an apprentice is required. In the past, apprenticeships had to be served with qualified pharmacists, and it was difficult for Non-Europeans to gain acceptance. The Pharmacy Board has recently agreed to accept training in the dispensaries of Provincial Hospitals.
- b) Theoretical training is also required. The Pharmacy Board is now negotiating with Natal University and with Fort Hare as to the possibility of classes being started.

I am glad to have your name, as I am trying to convince the Registrar of the Pharmacy Board of the desire that exists amongst Africans for the provision of training facilities as soon as possible. I have sent him a copy of your letter.

I am very sorry indeed that we cannot help you immediately.

Yours faithfully,


Muriel Horrell (Miss)
TECHNICAL OFFICER.

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11 & 12 COLONIZATION CHAMBERS,

TELEPHONE: 29210

DURBAN.

~~P.O. BOX 2872~~

357 WEST STREET,

29th September, 1954.

The Director,
P.O.Box 97,
Johannesburg.

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NON-EUROPEAN PHARMACISTS.

One of the members of our Regional Committee stated at the last meeting that he had seen a report in one of the daily papers to the effect that the Government had sanctioned some scheme at a Germiston Location whereby Non-European Pharmacy students would be trained and practice in the location, and that the scheme was in the nature of an experiment with a view to possibly extending it elsewhere in the Union if successful.

This report is not among my own press-cuttings, and I have been in touch with the libraries of the two daily papers in Durban who have no information on the subject.

I wonder if you can possibly let me have any information.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mary Draper

MARY DRAPER,
Field Organiser.

D/E/10/1,
MH/JH.

Field Organizer,
S. A. Institute of Race Relations,
11/12 Colonization Chambers,
357 West Street,
DURBAN.

4th October, 1954.

NON-EUROPEAN PHARMACISTS.

Thank you for your letter of the 29th of September. I also noticed the press cutting referred to by you and made some enquiries. The Registrar of the Pharmacy Board tells me that according to present regulations a pharmacist has to be established for at least three years before he is permitted to train apprentices. The chemist referred to in the press cutting is actually in Benoni, not Germiston, but in any case he will not as yet be allowed to train Non-European apprentices.


The S.A. Pharmacy Board is now endeavouring to arrange theoretical courses in pharmacy at Fort Hare or Natal University; the arrangements have not yet been finalized. The Board has also agreed to accept practical training in provincial hospitals as well as apprenticeships served with private pharmacists.

We are keeping in touch with the situation and will let you know *when* ~~in case~~ there are any developments. Meanwhile, if you do know the names of any Non-Europeans wishing to become pharmacists, will you please send them to me, together with the relevant addresses and I will forward the list to the Pharmacy Board, which is trying to ascertain the demand for training.

Incidentally, I do not know why so many Non-Europeans are keen on taking this course, for pharmacy seems to be a dying trade.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


Muriel Horrell (Miss)
TECHNICAL OFFICER.

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