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Dear colleagues

The ultrasound examination offered by the HPCSA Professional Board for Radiography and Clinical Technology (PBRCT) includes obstetrics, gynaecology, abdomen, small parts and deep vein thrombosis (DVT). Of concern it that the examination will exclude those radiographers who provide obstetric ultrasound services at district level health facilities. SORSA therefore requested the HPCSA Professional Board for Radiography and Clinical Technology (PBRCT) to urgently consider the negative impact this exclusion would have on service delivery of obstetric ultrasound to the general public.

It was brought to the PBRCT's attention that there are numerous diagnostic radiographers who are only trained specifically for providing obstetric services at district level health facilities thus are not trained in other ultrasound scanning examinations. Those who are only trained to perform obstetric services would therefore not be eligible to apply for the PBRCT ultrasound examination.

On 27 August 2020, the PBRCT considered SORSA's request and resolved that the PBRCT examination guidelines be amended to include obstetric ultrasound as a separate practice area to accommodate those diagnostic radiographers who are already working in this field and allow them to write the special ultrasound board examination. This specific group of obstetric ultrasound radiographers will be accommodated in the PBRCT examination. The examinations to be recorded in the logbook should not be retrospective and the closing date for the special examinations to be extended to 30 September 2020.

Yours sincerely

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