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## **1 Purpose**

- (1) This Rule, as it may be amended from time to time, is issued in accordance with the DHCC Governing Regulation and the Healthcare Operators Regulation and is referred to as the “Occupational Health, Safety and Environment (OHSE) Rule”.
- (2) The Rule defines the fundamental structure and authority for the encouragement, regulation and enforcement of all DHCC workplaces. It further defines general duties placed on employers, employees, contractors, suppliers of goods and items, including substances, for use at work or used during work processes. It identifies requirements for persons in control of work premises, and those who manage and maintain them.
- (3) The Rule lays down general principles for the management of occupational health and safety at work and of the environment. It enables the creation of specific requirements enacted as “An Approved Code of Practice (ACOP)” The OHSE ACOP is published containing policies, guidance, examples of good practice and, where applicable an explanation of OHSE law.
- (4) The provisions of the Healthcare Operator Regulation govern Provisional Clinical Operating Permits and Clinical Operating Permits issued for Healthcare Facilities in DHCC, provided that the provisions of this Rule shall prevail in the event of any inconsistency between this Rule and the Healthcare Operator Regulation.
- (5) This Rule, as it may be amended from time to time, is to be read in conjunction and comply with the applicable DHCC Regulations and any applicable Rules, Policies and Standards.

## **2 Applicability**

- (1) This Rule applies to [ ] Facilities, the Planning Council, the Licensing Board and the Center for Planning and Quality (CPQ). This Rule is binding on all tenant, stakeholders, visitors, employees, contractors and consultants. Full compliance with this document will ensure that statutory and regulatory obligations are met whilst non compliance may result in breach of legal and statutory requirements.
- (2) Failure by an employer to comply with this Rule is an offence and may lead to punitive action against an offender. Employees have responsibilities and duties too and may be liable to prosecution as well if they interfere with anything provided in the interests of occupational health, safety and environment.

## **3 Definitions**

Capitalized terms not defined in this Rule shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the DHCC Glossary. Unless it is specifically stated otherwise in another Rule or unless the context otherwise requires:

1. For definitions refer to the OHSE Approved Code Of Practice

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**4 Patient management**

- (1) Each Licensed [ ] Facility shall manage patients and treatment processes in accordance with the Occupational Health Safety and Environment Approved Code Of Practice (OHSEACOP) and appropriate quality standards

**5 Minimum facility requirements**

- (1) To obtain and maintain a Clinical Operating Permit, each Licensed [ ] Facility shall meet and comply with the:
- (a) Licensed [ ] Facility's CPQ approved design submission;
  - (b) American Institute of Architects (AIA) Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Healthcare Facilities;
  - (c) DHCC Supplementary Guidelines set out in Appendix 1;
  - (d) DHCC Medical Management Equipment Manual;
  - (e) Pre-Operating/Post-Operating assessment survey checklist;
  - (f) Occupational Health Safety and Environment Approved Code Of Practice (OHSEACOP)
  - (g) Any other applicable DHCC Facility Standards and Policies .

**6 Quality control**

- (1) Each Licensed [ ] Facility shall comply with the Occupational Health Safety and Environment Approved Code Of Practice (OHSEACOP)

**7 Environmental management, infection control and safety**

- (1) Each Licensed [ ] Facility shall comply with all applicable environment management policies and procedures, including those contained in the OHSE ACOP.
- (2) Each Licensed [ ] Facility shall maintain a register to demonstrate compliance with the requirements set out in subsection (1).

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## 8 Required policies and procedures

1. Each Facility holding a Provisional Clinical Operating Permit shall have in place, at such time as its Conversion Application is presented to the Planning Council pursuant to the Healthcare Operators Regulations, written policies and procedures which comply with the required OHSE Approved Code of Practice
  
2. DHCC tenants shall develop a HSE policy in accordance with Federal & local HSE Laws and the OHSE ACOP The HSE policy shall be communicated to and be accessible to all personnel in the workforce.
  
3. DHCC tenants shall document and implement a HSE Management System. For the protection, health and safety of the people and the environment

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## **Appendix 1: DHCC Supplementary Guidelines**

[Insert list of DHCC Supplementary Guidelines. Developer to select specific applicable Guidelines from list to include in final Rule version]

1. DHCC Occupational Health, Safety and Environment Approved Cod of Practice