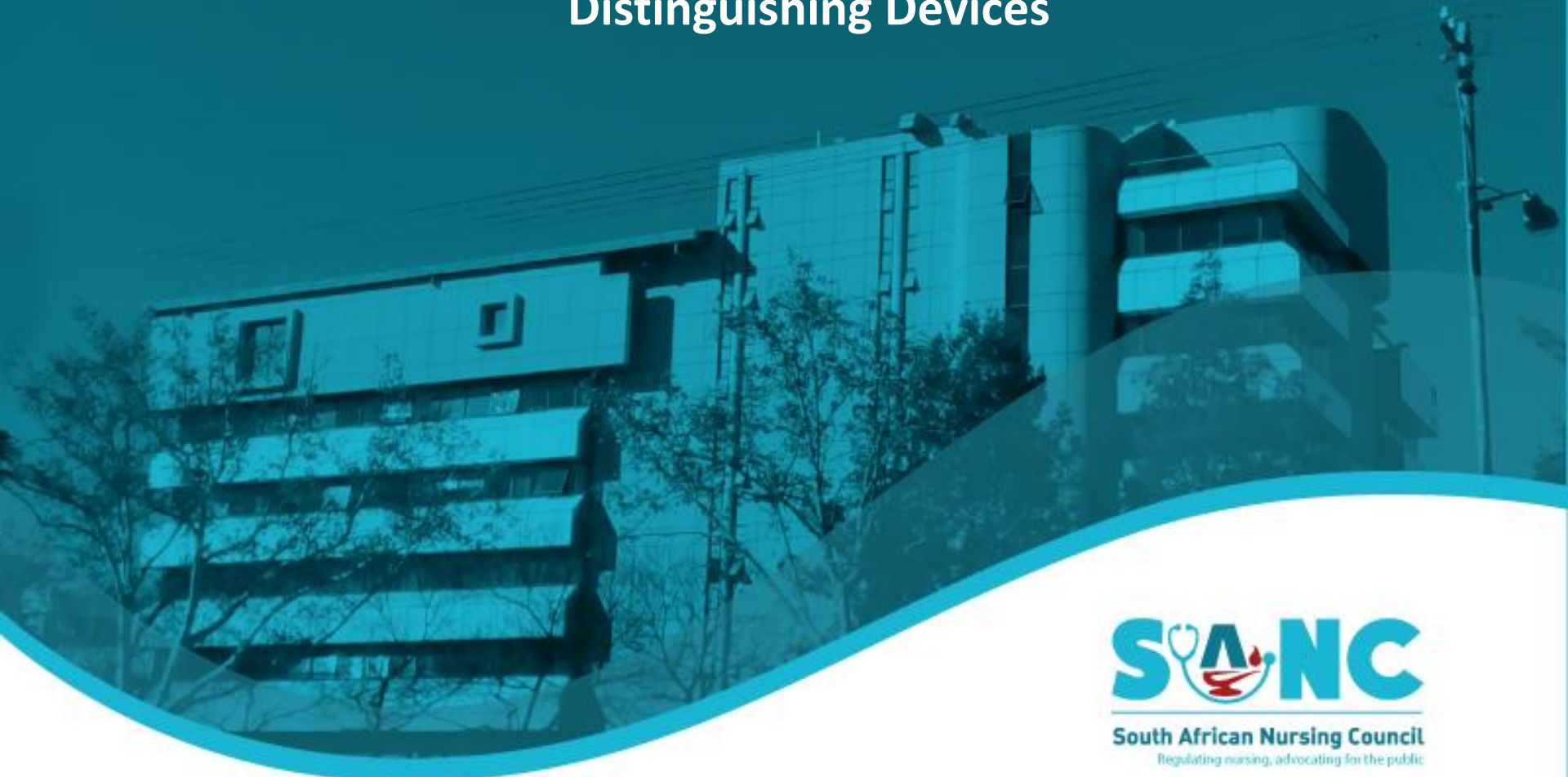


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Distinguishing Devices



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BACKGROUND

- The Regulations regarding the Distinguishing Devices and Uniforms for Registered Nurses and Midwives and Registered Student Nurses and Student Midwives have reference
- A number of regulations have been issued over the years
- The distinguishing devices comprise of the following:
 - The badge;
 - Epaulettes; and
 - Metal bars.

CHALLENGES

- The nurse practitioners have raised numerous complaints around distinguishing devices over the years
- The key complaints were around the quality and availability of distinguishing devices
- The quality issues were mainly around metal bars

CORRECTIVE ACTION

- The contract of the service provider that used to manufacture metal bars was terminated
- A new service provider was appointed
- The new service provider has a factory that is SABS compliant
- The new stock of metal bars was procured by the new service provider
- The nurse practitioners can return the distinguishing devices within a specified period where quality issues are discovered
- The technical specifications for distinguishing devices developed
- The distinguishing devices for new qualifications issued for input

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- Purchasing of distinguishing devices: devices@sanc.co.za

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