

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF DIETITIANS

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The Minister of Health has, in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, and in terms of [section 61](#)(1), of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

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1. Definitions

In these Regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have the meaning so assigned and, unless the context otherwise indicates -

“**board**” means the Professional Board for Dietetics established in terms of [section 15](#)(1) of the Act;

“**private practice**” means the practising of the profession of dietetics by a dietitian for his or her own account, either in *solus* practice, or as a partner in a partnership, or as an associate in an association with other practitioners, or as a director of a company;

“**public service**” means a service rendered by the State at the national, provincial and local level of government, and includes organizations with function under the auspices or are largely subsidized by the State or recognized by the professional board for the purpose of these regulations; and

“**the Act**” means the Health Professions Act, 1974, (Act No. 56 of 1974).

2. Qualifications for registration

The qualifications required for registration as a dietitian in terms of the Act shall be determined in [Annexure A](#) and [Annexure B](#).

ANNEXURE A

Qualifications that include practical training

<i>Examining authority and qualification</i>	<i>Abbreviation for registration</i>
University of Cape Town –	
Bachelor of Science (Med) Honours in Nutrition and Dietetics* (If obtained after 1990)	BSc (Med) Hons - Cape Town
Bachelor of Science Medicine (Honours) (Therapeutic Dietetics)* (If obtained between 1985 and 1990)	BSc (Med) (Hons)-Cape Town
University of Limpopo –	
Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)* (If obtained after 1987)	BSc (Diet) - Limpopo
University of the Free State –	
Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)* (If obtained after 1983)	BSc (Diet) - Free State
University of Kwazulu-Natal -	
Bachelor of Science in Dietetics* (If obtained after 1973)	BSc (Diet) - Kwazulu-Natal
University of Limpopo -	
Bachelor of Nutrition* (If obtained after 1994)	BNutrition – Limpopo
University of North-West -	
Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)* (if obtained after 1997)	BSc (Diet) - North-West
University of Pretoria -	
Bachelor of Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1996)	BDiet- Pretoria
University of Stellenbosch -	
Bachelor of Nutrition* (If obtained prior to 1993)	B(Nutrition) - Stellenbosch
Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)* (If obtained after 1992)	BSc (Diet) – Stellenbosch
University of the Western Cape -	
Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)	BSc (Diet) - Western Cape

ANNEXURE B

Qualifications that must be obtained together:

1. Basic qualifications

Examining authority and qualification

University of Limpopo -

Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)* (If obtained prior to 1987)

University of Kwazulu-Natal -

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics* (If obtained after 1973)

University of North-West -

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1995)

Bachelor of Science in Home Economics (Food & Nutrition)* (If obtained prior to 1997)

University of Pretoria -

Bachelor of Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1996)

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1984)

Bachelor of Science in Home Economics (Food & Nutrition)* (If obtained prior to 1986)

University of Stellenbosch -

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1991)

Bachelor of Science (Dietetics & Psychology)*

2. Qualifications containing practical training that must be obtained together with the qualifications contemplated in paragraph (1).

<i>Examining authority and qualification</i>	<i>Abbreviation for registration</i>
University of Cape Town-	
Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics	Postgrad Dip Diet - Cape Town
Diploma in Therapeutic Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1984)	Postgrad Dip Ther Diet – Cape Town
University of Limpopo -	
Diploma in Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1984)	Dip Diet- Limpopo
University of Kwazulu-Natal-	
Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics* (If obtained after 1989)	Postgrad Dip Diet - Kwazulu-Natal
University of the Free State-	

Postgraduate Diploma in Hospital Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1988)	Postgrad Dip Hosp Diet – Free State
University of Pretoria-	
Postgraduate Diploma in Hospital Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1995)	Postgrad Dip Hosp Diet - Pretoria
Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1998)	Postgrad Dip Diet - Pretoria
University of Stellenbosch-	
Postgraduate Diploma in Hospital Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1992)	Postgrad Dip Hosp Diet – Stellenbosch

3. Registration categories for the registration of dietitians

- (1) The registrar may register a person as a dietitian in one of the following categories:
 - (a) Public service; or
 - (b) Private practice.
- (2) The registrar may register a person as a dietitian in the category public service if such person -
 - (a) holds -
 - (i) a qualification referred to in [Annexure A](#); or
 - (ii) the qualifications referred to in [Annexure B](#); and
 - (b) performs community service in terms of [section 24A](#) of the Act.
- (3) The registrar may register a person as a dietitian in the category private practice, if such person -
 - (a) holds -
 - (i) a qualification referred to in [Annexure A](#); or
 - (ii) the qualifications referred to in [Annexure B](#); and
 - (b) has completed community service in terms of [section 24A](#) of the Act.

(signed)

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