

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

## RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF DIETITIANS

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The South African Medical and dental Council hereby makes the following rules in terms of [section 32](#) (1) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), in substitution of the rules published under Government Notice R. 2343 dated 3 December 1976:

1. The council may register as a dietitian any person who satisfies the council that he has complied with the requirements set out in (1) and (2) hereof.

- (1) That he holds any of the following qualifications:

### Examining authority and qualification

### Abbreviation for registration

#### REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

#### *University of Durban-Westville*

Bachelor in Medical Science (Nutrition)	B Med Sc (Nutrition) Durban- Westville
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#### *University of Cape Town*

*Diploma in Therapeutic Dietetics *If obtained prior to 31 July 1984.	Dip Ther Diet Cape Town
Bachelor of Science (Medicine) Honours Degree in Therapeutic Dietetics	BSc (Med) (Hons) Cape Town

#### *Medical University of Southern Africa*

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics *Diploma in Dietetics *If obtained prior to 31 December 1984.	BSc (Dietetics) Medunsa Dip Dietetics Medunsa
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#### *University of Natal*

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics	BSc (Dietetics) Natal
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#### *University of the Orange Free State*

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics	BSc (Dietetics) Orange Free State
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***Potchefstroom University for CHE***

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics	BSc (Dietetics) Potchefstroom
Bachelor of Science in Home Economics (Food and Nutrition)	BSc (Home Economics) Potchefstroom

***University of Pretoria***

*Bachelor of Science in Dietetics	BSc (Dietetics) Pret
*Bachelor of Science in Home Economics (Food and Nutrition)	BSc (Home Economics) Pret

\* If obtained prior to 31 December 1985.

***University of Stellenbosch***

*Bachelor of Science in Dietetics	BSc (Dietetics) Stell
*Bachelor of Science in Home Economics	BSc (Home Economics) Stell
Bachelor in Nutrition	B (Nutrition) Stell

\*If obtained prior to 31 December 1985.

***University of the North***

Bachelor in Nutrition	B (Nutrition) North
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***University of the Western Cape***

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics	BSc (Dietetics) Western Cape
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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Registration as a Dietitian, American Dietetic Association	Reg Dietitian ADA*
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\*Provided that persons in possession of such qualification also be in possession of a relevant Bachelor's Degree and further had completed a period of six months practical training under the supervision of a registered dietitian at an institution in the Republic of South Africa approved by the council and the professional board for that purpose.

**THE NETHERLANDS**

***North Holland Scholengemeenschap***

Diploma Diëtetiek	Dip Dietetics N Holland Scholengemeenschap
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\*Provided that persons in possession of such qualification also be in possession of a certificate to prove that they have completed a period of six months practical training under the supervision of a registered dietitian at an institution in the Republic of South Africa approved by the council and of the professional board for this purpose.

[Subrule (1) amended by BN23/88, BN91/91, BN 39/94 and BN 47/95]

- (2) Obtained practical training in dietetics by following a recognised postgraduate diploma in hospital dietetics extending over a period of one year or, in the case of recognised four year integrated courses, obtained 48 weeks practical training which

must have included an internship in a recognised teaching hospital for a continuous period of 26 weeks.

2. The council may register as a dietitian any person who passed an examination in dietetics conducted by the council in terms of [section 32](#) of the Act.
3. Where, in the case of an application for registration, the qualification on which the application is based has not already been approved by the Council, the applicant shall be required to cause the Professional Board for Dietetics and the council to be furnished with authoritative information as to the training required for such qualification, whereupon, if such standard of training is considered satisfactory by the council, such qualification may be recognised.
4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these rules contained, it shall be lawful for the council to register as a dietitian any person who has not fully complied with these rules, if the council, after due inquiry, is satisfied that such person is competent to practise as a dietitian.