

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH SERVICE PROFESSIONS

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The South African Medical and Dental Council has in terms of [section 32](#) (1) (a) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), made the rules set out in the Schedule hereto.

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Definitions

1. In this Schedule, “**the Act**” means the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and, unless the context otherwise indicates, any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear the meaning, and “**section**” means a section of the Act.

Rules relating to the Registration of Students in the Supplementary Health Service Professions

2. Every student in ambulance emergency technology, clinical technology, community speech and hearing work, dietetics, environmental health, hearing aid acoustics, medical orthotics and prosthetics, medical technology, occupational therapy, optical dispensing, optometry, oral hygiene, physiotherapy, podiatry, radiography and speech therapy and audiology at a university, technikon or training institution in the Republic offering training leading to a qualification in a supplementary health service profession which is recognised by the council under the provisions of the Act, shall submit to the registrar an application for registration as a student in accordance with the provisions of regulation 3 hereof -

- (1) in the case of students commencing attendance at such university, technikon or training institution in the first year of study, within four months following such commencement, or
 - (2) in the case of students who have been exempted from the first, second, or third year of study, within two months following their commencement of attendance in the second, third or fourth year of study, respectively.
3. Every application for registration as a student shall be made on the prescribed form and shall be accompanied by -
- (1) an identity document or a birth certificate; or, if the student is unable to furnish a birth certificate, a baptismal certificate or such other evidence with regard to his age and correct names as may be to the satisfaction of the registrar;
 - (2) a certificate of having commenced study for a qualification in a supplementary health service profession at a university, technikon or training institution approved by the council, which certificate shall indicate the year of study in which the student is enrolled and the date on which he was so enrolled;
 - (3) the prescribed registration fee:

Provided that every application by a student in a supplementary health service profession who has been admitted to a university, technikon or training institution in South Africa in a temporary capacity for a period not exceeding one academic year and not for degree or diploma purposes, need be accompanied only by a certificate of having commenced study of a subject or subjects in a year of study for a qualification in a supplementary health service profession, and proof that he is registered as a student by a registering authority recognised by the council for this purpose in a country or state other than the Republic of South Africa.

4. Every student who resumes study in a supplementary health service profession after having interrupted such study for a period of at least one year shall submit an application for re-registration within two months of resumption of study in that supplementary health service profession; such application shall be accompanied by a certificate of having resumed study and the prescribed fee: Provided that, in cases where a student interrupts his studies for a period of more than one year but annually states in writing his intention of continuing with his studies, the name of such student shall not be removed from the register of students in that supplementary health service profession.
5. Every student who applies for registration in terms of regulation 4, and who is not able to submit his original certificate of registration, shall apply for a certified copy of his original certificate of registration for which a prescribed fee shall be payable.
6. Every application together with documents and fees mentioned in regulation 3 or 4, as the case may be, submitted after the date mentioned in regulation 2 or 4, respectively, shall be

subject to an additional registration fee in respect of each month or portion of a month it is submitted after such date.

7. No students shall be registered or reregistered as a student in a supplementary health service profession unless he has complied in all respects with the requirements as laid down in regulation 3 or 4, as the case may be, and regulation 6, where applicable.
8. Every student in a supplementary health service profession registered with the council shall be furnished with a registration certificate.
9. In the case of a student who obtains recognition for subjects prescribed for a qualification, which subjects he took and in which he passed examinations at an university, technikon or training institution approved by the council (not at the university, technikon or training institution where he is admitted as a student), the date of his registration as a student may be antedated for a period equivalent to that for which he obtained recognition: Provided that recognition shall not be granted for a period of more than three years of study.
10. (1) Every university, technikon or training institution in the Republic offering training leading to a qualification in a supplementary health service profession which is recognised by the council under the provisions of the Act, shall submit to the registrar not later than 31 May of each year, a list of names of all students enrolled in a supplementary health services profession at such university, technikon or training institution on 1 May of that year, as well as a list of all registered students in a supplementary health service profession who had discontinued their studies during the preceding 12 months; such lists shall indicate the full names, the year of study and, in cases where students had discontinued their studies, the date of discontinuation, of each student.

(2) Together with the lists mentioned in subregulation (1) the universities and training institutions concerned shall also submit a list of names of registered students in a supplementary health service profession who had discontinued their studies temporarily during the preceding 12 months, the reasons for such temporary discontinuation, and the date on which the students concerned are expected to resume their studies for a qualification in that supplementary health service profession as well as a list of names of students who, after temporary discontinuation of studies, had resumed their studies for a qualification in that supplementary health service profession during the preceding 12 months.
11. The name of a student shall be removed from the register as soon as he shall have been registered as a supplementary health service practitioner, or as soon as proof is given to the satisfaction of the registrar that such student has discontinued his studies in the Republic.
12. Withdrawal: Board Notices 26 of 1986, 264 of 1992, 17 of 1987, 211 of 1986, 15 of 1991, 40 of 1987, 24 of 1987 and 60 of 1991 are hereby repealed.