

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF STUDENT MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Published under Board Notice 38 in *Government Gazette* 17057 of 29 March 1996.

The Interim National Medical and Dental Council of South Africa 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.

SCHEDULE

1. Every student medical technician at an institution approved by the council for the training of medical technicians in the Republic, shall submit to the registrar an application for registration as a student medical technician in accordance with the provisions of rule 2 hereof within two months following commencement of training.
2. Every application for registration as a student medical technician shall be made on a prescribed application form and shall be accompanied by-
 - (1) an identity document or a birth certificate; of, 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 at an institution approved by the council for the training of medical technicians, which certificate shall indicate the date on which he was so enrolled;
 - (3) the prescribed registration fee.
3. Every student medical technician who resumes study after having interrupted such study for a period of at least one year, shall submit an application for registration within two months of resumption of medical technology study; such application shall be accompanied by a certificate of having resumed medical technology studies together with the prescribed fee for registration: 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 registrar of student medical technicians.
4. Every application together with the documents and fees mentioned in rule 2 or 3, as the case may be submitted after the date mentioned in rule 1 or 3, respectively, shall be subject to an additional prescribed penalty fee in respect of each month or portion of a month it is submitted after such date.

5. No student shall be registered or reregistered as a student medical technician unless he has complied in all respects with the requirements as laid down in rule 2 or 3, as the case may be, and rule 4, where applicable.
6. Every student medical technician registered with the council shall be furnished with a registration certificate.
7. (1) Every institution approved by the council for the training of medical technicians in the Republic, shall submit to the registrar not later than 31 May of each year, a list of names of all student medical technicians enrolled in medical technology at such institution on 1 May of that year, as well as a list of all registered student medical technicians who had discontinued their studies during the preceding 12 months; such lists shall indicate the full names and, in cases where students had discontinued their medical technology studies, the date of discontinuation, of each student.

(2) Together with the lists mentioned in sub-rule (1) the institutions concerned approved by the council for the training of medical technicians shall also submit a list of names of registered student medical technicians who had discontinued their studies temporarily during the preceding 12 months, the reason for such temporary discontinuation, and the date on which the students concerned are expected to resume their studies, as well as a list of names of students who, after temporary discontinuation of studies, had resumed their studies in medical technology during the preceding 12 months.
8. The name of a student medical technician shall be removed from the register-
 - (a) as soon as he shall have been registered as a medical technician, or
 - (b) as soon as proof is given to the satisfaction of the registrar that such student has discontinued his medical technology studies, or
 - (c) after a period of four years of registration as a student medical technician.
9. No person shall be eligible for registration as a medical technician until a period of two years shall have elapsed since the date of his registration as a student medical technician.