

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

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The South African Medical and Dental Council hereby, in terms of [Section 32](#) (1) read with [section 61](#) (4) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), makes the following rules in substitution for the rules published under Government Notice R. 2298, dated 3 December 1976.

1. The council may register as a physiotherapist any applicant who has obtained, after examination, any of the following qualifications in physiotherapy: Provided-
 - (a) that the qualifications not listed below under the heading “Republic of South Africa” will only be accepted if granted on or after 1 January 1965;
 - (b) further that the council may register as a physiotherapist any person who holds a qualification which is not listed below under the heading “Republic of South Africa” and which was granted prior to 1 January 1965 if the Professional Board for Physiotherapy and the council are satisfied that such qualification is acceptable for purposes of registration.

Examining authority and qualification

Abbreviation for registration

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Department of Bantu Education

National Diploma in Physiotherapy

Nat Dip Phys (SA)

Department of Education and Training

National Diploma in Physiotherapy

Nat Dip Phys (SA)

Department of National Education

National Diploma in Physiotherapy

Nat Dip Phys (SA)

Medical University of Southern Africa

Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy

BSc (Phys) Medunsa

Diploma in Physiotherapy	Dip Phys Medunsa
<i>South African Medical and Dental Council</i> Certificate of Competency Examination	Cert Comp SAMDC Exam SAMDC
<i>University of Cape Town</i> Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy Diploma in Physiotherapy	BSc (Phys) Cape Town Dip Phys Cape Town
<i>University of Durban-Westville</i> Bachelor of Physiotherapy Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy	B Phys Durban-Westville BSc (Phys) Durban-Westville
<i>University of the Orange Free State</i> Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy Diploma in Physiotherapy	BSc (Phys) Orange Free State Dip Phys Orange Free State
<i>University of Pretoria</i> Bachelor of Physiotherapy	B Phys T Pret
<i>University of Stellenbosch</i> Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy	BSc (Phys) Stell
<i>University of Western Cape</i> Bachelor in Physiotherapy	B (Phys) Western Cape
<i>University of the Witwatersrand</i> Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy Diploma in Physiotherapy	BSc (Phys) Witwatersrand Dip Phys Witwatersrand

AUSTRALIA

<i>Australian Physiotherapy Association</i> Diploma in Physiotherapy Graduate Diploma of Physiotherapy	Dip Australian Phys Assoc Graduate Dip Australian Phys Assoc
<i>Cumberland College of Health Sciences</i> Bachelor of Applied Science in Physiotherapy Diploma of Applied Science in Physiotherapy Diploma in Physiotherapy Graduate Diploma of Physiotherapy	B Appi Sc Phys Cumberland College Dip Appi Sc Phys Cumberland College Dip Phys Cumberland College Graduate Dip Phys Cumberland College

Lincoln Institute

Bachelor of Applied Science in
Physiotherapy
Diploma of Physiotherapy

B Appi Sc (Phys) Lincoln Inst
Dip Phys Lincoln Inst

Masseurs Registration Board of Victoria

Diploma of Physiotherapy

Dip Phys Mass Reg Board
Victoria

New South Wales College of Paramedical Studies

Diploma in Physiotherapy
Graduate Diploma of Physiotherapy

Dip Phys NSW
Graduate Dip Phys NSW

Physiotherapy Registration Board of Western Australia

Diploma in Physiotherapy

Dip Phys Western Australia

South Australian Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Applied Science in
Physiotherapy
Diploma of Physiotherapy
Diploma in Technology in Physiotherapy

B Appl Sc Phys S Austr Inst
Tech
Dip Phys S Austr Inst Tech
Dip Tech Phys S Austr Inst
Tech

University of Adelaide

Diploma in Physiotherapy

Dip Phys Adelaide

University of Queensland

Bachelor of Applied Science
(Physiotherapy)
Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Diploma in Physiotherapy

B Appi Sc (Phys) Queensland
BSc (Phys) Queensland

Dip Phys Queensland

Victorian Institute of Colleges

Bachelor of Applied Science
(Physiotherapy)

BSc (Phys) Victorian Inst of
Colleges

Western Australian Institute of Technology

Associateship in Physiotherapy
Bachelor of Applied Science
(Physiotherapy)

Assoc Phys W Austr Inst Tech
B Appi Sc (Phys) Austr Inst
Tech

CANADA

McGill University

Bachelor of Physical Therapy
Bachelor of Science in Physical and

BPT McGill
BSc Phys and Occup Ther

Occupational Therapy Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy	McGill BSc (PT) McGill
Diploma in Physical and Occupational Therapy	Dip Phys and Occup Ther McGill
<i>McMaster University</i>	
Certificate in Physiotherapy	Cert Phys McMaster
<i>Mohawk College</i>	
Diploma in Physiotherapy	Dip Phys Mohawk
<i>Queen's University</i>	
Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy Diploma in Physical Therapy	BSc (PT) Queen's Dip Phys Ther Queen's
<i>University of Alberta</i>	
Bachelor of Physical Therapy Diploma in Physical Therapy	BPT Alberta Dip Phys Ther Alberta
<i>University of British Columbia</i>	
Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation	BSc (Rehabilitation) British Columbia
<i>University of Laval</i>	
Bachelor of Health Sciences (Physiotherapy) Diploma in Physiotherapy	BSc de la Santé (Phys) Laval Dip Phys Laval
<i>University of Manitoba</i>	
Bachelor of Physical Therapy Diploma in Physical Therapy Diploma in Physiotherapy	BPT Manitoba Dip Phys Ther Manitoba Dip Phys Manitoba
<i>University of Montreal</i>	
Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy Diploma in Physiotherapy	BSc (Phys) Montreal Dip Phys Montreal
<i>University of Saskatchewan</i>	
Bachelor of Physical Therapy Diploma in Physical Therapy	BPT Saskatchewan Dip Phys Ther Saskatchewan
<i>University of Toronto</i>	
Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy Diploma in Physical and Occupational Therapy	BSc (PT) Toronto Dip Phys and Occup Ther Toronto

University of Western Ontario

Bachelor of Science in Medical Rehabilitation (Physical Therapy)	BSc Med Rehab (PT) Western Ontario
Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy	BSc (PT) Western Ontario

HONG KONG

Hong Kong Government School

Certificate of Qualification in Physiotherapy	Cert Phys Government School Hong Kong
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Hogeschool Enschede

Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy	BSc Phys Enschede
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THE NETHERLANDS

Academie Fysiotherapie Tim van der Laan, Utrecht

Certificate Physiotherapy	Gert Phys Academie Tim van der Laan
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NEW ZEALAND

Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand

State Examination in Physiotherapy	State Exam Phys New Zealand
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UNITED KINGDOM

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

Member (recognised only if obtained prior to 1997)	MCSP
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University of Dublin, Trinity College

*Bachelor of Science (honours) Physiotherapy	B.Sc. (Hons) Physiotherapy TCE
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National University of Ireland, University College Dublin

**Bachelor of Physiotherapy	B. Physiotherapy UCD
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*If obtained subsequent to 1986.

** If obtained subsequent to 1987.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Touro College, New York

Master of Arts Health Science (Physical Therapy)	MSc Phys Touro
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[Rule 1 amended by GN R759/82, Gen N 831/82, Gen N 531/84, BN 15/87, BN 175/92, BN 51/97 and BN 3/98]

2. 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 Physiotherapy and the council to be furnished with authoritative information as to the training required for such qualification, whereupon, if the standard of such training is considered satisfactory by the council, such qualification may be approved.