

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF CLINICAL TECHNOLOGISTS

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

SCHEDULE

1. The Council may register as a clinical technologist in one or more of the following categories, namely:

- Cardiology;
- Cardio-Vascular Perfusion;
- Critical Care;
- Nephrology;
- Neurophysiology;
- Pulmonology;
- Reproductive Biology;

any person who satisfies the council that he complies with the requirements set out in subrules (1) and (2) of this rule.

(1) He shall hold one of the following qualifications in clinical technology:

| Examining authority and qualification | Abbreviation for registration |
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| REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA | |
| <i>Department of National Education</i> | |
| National Diploma in Clinical Technology. | Nat |
| Dip Clin Tech (SA) | |
| <i>Cape Technikon</i> | |
| National Diploma in Clinical Technology. | Nat |
| Dip Clin Tech Cape Technikon | |
| <i>Technikon OFS</i> | |
| National Diploma in Clinical Technology. | Nat |
| Dip Clin Tech Technikon OFS | |
| <i>Technikon ML Sultan</i> | |
| National Diploma in Clinical Technology. | Nat |
| Dip Clin Tech Technikon ML | |
| Sultan | |
| <i>Technikon Pretoria</i> | |
| National Diploma in Clinical Technology. | Nat |
| Dip Clin Tech Technikon Pretoria | |
| <i>Technikon Witwatersrand</i> | |
| National Diploma in Clinical Technology. | Nat |
| Dip Clin Tech Technikon Witwatersrand | |

(2) He shall have been trained for a period of at least four years, of which at least three years shall be practical training, in a unit approved by the council.

NOTES TO RULE 1

Notes:

- (1) A person holding an approved degree or diploma in science, or any other approved qualification, or a person who has completed and obtained credit for, or passed subjects taken for such qualification may, at the discretion of the council, be exempted from the qualifications prescribed in rule 1(1).
 - (2) Any person who qualifies for registration in one or more of the categories listed in rule I above shall be registered on the register of clinical technologists, and the category or categories in which he is qualified shall be indicated after his name on the said register and on the certificate of qualification issued to him.
 - (3) Any person who has been working as a clinical technologist in a unit approved by the council in any one of the categories listed in rule 1 above may, on the written recommendation of the head of such unit (provided the head of the relevant unit is a registered specialist in the relevant discipline) be exempted at the discretion of the council from examinations prescribed in rule 1(1) and be registered as a clinical technologist.
2. The council may register as a clinical technologist any person who has passed an examination in clinical technology conducted by the council in terms of [section 32](#) of the Act.
3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these rules contained -
- (1) any person who has been working as a clinical technologist in a unit approved by the council in the category Pulmonology, for a period of five years prior to 31 May 1972, may, on the written recommendation of the head of that unit, be exempted, at the discretion of the council, from the qualification prescribed in rule 1 (1) and be registered as a clinical technologist in the category Pulmonology;
 - (2) any person who has been working as a clinical technologist in a unit approved by the council in the category Cardiology, for a period of five years prior to 20 September 1974, may, on the written recommendation of the head of that unit, be exempted, at the discretion of the council, from the qualifications prescribed in rule 1 (1) and be registered as a clinical technologist in the category Cardiology;
 - (3) any person who has been working as a clinical technologist in a unit approved by the council in the category Neurophysiology, for a period of five years prior to 1 January 1980, may, on the written recommendation of the head of that unit (provided the head of that unit is a registered specialist in Neurology) be exempted, at the discretion of the council, from the qualifications prescribed in rule 1 (1) and be registered as a clinical technologist in the category Neurophysiology;
 - (4) any person who has been working as a clinical technologist in a unit approved by the council in the category Nephrology, for a period of five years prior to 1 January 1980 may, on the written recommendation of the head of that unit be exempted, at the discretion of the council, from the qualifications prescribed in rule 1 (1) and be registered as a clinical technologist in the category Nephrology;
 - (5) (a) any person who has been working fulltime in a clinical technological capacity in a theatre or Critical Care area in a unit approved by the council for a period of five years prior to 18 July 1986 may, on the written recommendation of the head of that unit be

exempted, at the discretion of the council, from the qualifications prescribed in rule 1 (1) and be registered as a clinical technologist in the category Critical Care;

- (b) any clinical technologist, registered in one of the existing categories and who has rendered clinical technological services in a theatre or intensive care unit for a period of seven years prior to 18 July 1986 may be exempted, at the discretion of the council from the qualifications prescribed in rule I (1) and be registered as a clinical technologist in the category Critical Care.
4. 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 furnish the council 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.
 5. The council may register in an additional category a registered clinical technologist who obtained a qualification as mentioned in rule 1 (1) in that category and who received training for a period of at least two years in a unit recognised by the council for that category for this purpose.
 6. Board Notice 219 of 1980 is hereby repealed.