

GOVERNMENT NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF
DIETITIANS**

The Minister of Health intends, in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, in terms of section 61(1), read with sections 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Development) within three months from date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

1. Definitions

In this Schedule any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates –

“**board**” means the Professional Board for Dietetics established in terms of section 15(1) of the Act, as published by Government Notice No. R. 75 of January 1998;

“**dietitian**” means a person registered as such in terms of the Act;

“**examination**” means an examination conducted by an educational institution approved by the board or an examiner appointed by the board;

“**private practice**” means the practising of the profession of dietetics by a dietitian for his or her own account, either in *solus* practice, or as a partner in a partnership, or as an associate in an association with other practitioners, or as a director of a company established in terms of section 54A of the Act;

“**public service**” means a service rendered by the State at the national, provincial and local level of government, and includes organizations with function under the auspices or are largely subsidized by the State or recognised by the professional board for the purpose of these regulations;

“**section**” means a section of the Act; and

“**the Act**” means the Health Professions Act, 1974, (Act No. 56 of 1974).

2. Registration as a dietitian

- (1) The Registrar may register as a dietitian any person who obtained any of the qualifications referred to in sub-regulation (2) or (3).
- (2) A person referred to in sub-regulation (1) who holds one of the following qualifications, which must include practical training, may apply to the Registrar for registration as a dietitian in terms of section 17 of the Act:

<i>Examining authority and qualification</i>	<i>Abbreviation for registration</i>
University of Cape Town -	
Bachelor of Science (Med) Honours in Nutrition and Dietetics* (If obtained after 1990)	BSc (Med) Hons - Cape Town
Bachelor of Science Medicine (Honours) (Therapeutic Dietetics)* (If obtained between 1985 and 1990).....	BSc (Med) (Hons) -Cape Town
Medical University of Southern Africa -	
Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)* (If obtained after 1987)	BSc (Diet) - Medunsa
University of the Free State -	
Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)* (If obtained after 1983).....	BSc (Diet) - Free State
University of Natal -	
Bachelor of Science in Dietetics* (If obtained after 1973).....	BSc (Diet) - Natal

University of the North -

Bachelor of Nutrition*
 (If obtained after 1994)..... BNutrition - North

Potchefstroom University for C H E -

Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)*
 (If obtained after 1997)..... BSc (Diet) - Potchefstroom

University of Pretoria -

Bachelor of Dietetics*
 (If obtained prior to 1996)..... BDiet - Pretoria

University of Stellenbosch -

Bachelor of Nutrition*
 (If obtained prior to 1993)..... B(Nutrition) - Stellenbosch
 Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)*
 (If obtained after 1992)..... BSc (Diet) - Stellenbosch

University of the Western Cape -

Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)..... BSc (Diet) - Western Cape

- (3) A person referred to in sub-regulation (1) who holds any of the qualifications referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b), may apply to the Registrar for registration as a dietitian in terms of section 17 of the Act:

- (a) The following qualifications are regarded as basic qualifications:

Examining authority and qualification**Medical University of Southern Africa-**

Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)* (If obtained prior to 1987)

University of Natal-

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics* (If obtained after 1973)

Potchefstroom University for CHE-

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1995)
 Bachelor of Science in Home Economics (Food & Nutrition)* (If obtained prior to 1997)

University of Pretoria-

Bachelor of Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1996)
 Bachelor of Science in Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1984)
 Bachelor of Science in Home Economics (Food & Nutrition)* (If obtained prior to 1986)

University of Stellenbosch-

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1991)
 Bachelor of Science (Dietetics & Psychology)*

- (b) The following qualifications are regarded as the practical training qualifications to be obtained in addition to the basic qualifications referred to in paragraph (a):

<i>Examining authority and qualification</i>	<i>Abbreviation for registration</i>
University of Cape Town-	
Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics.....	Postgrad Dip Diet – Cape Town
Diploma in Therapeutic Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1984)	Postgrad Dip Ther Diet – Cape Town
Medical University of Southern Africa-	
Diploma in Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1984)	Dip Diet – Medunsa
University of Natal-	
Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics* (If obtained after 1989)	Postgrad Dip Diet - Natal
University of the Free State-	
Postgraduate Diploma in Hospital Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1988)	Postgrad Dip Hosp Diet – Free State
University of Pretoria-	
Postgraduate Diploma in Hospital Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1995)	Postgrad Dip Hosp Diet – Pretoria
Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1998)	Postgrad Dip Diet – Pretoria
University of Stellenbosch-	
Postgraduate Diploma in Hospital Dietetics* (If obtained prior to 1992)	Postgrad Dip Hosp Diet – Stellenbosch

3. Registration categories for the registration of dietitians

- (1) The Registrar may register a person as a dietitian in any one of the following categories:
- (a) public service; or
 - (b) private practice;
- (2) The Registrar may register a person as a dietitian in the category public service if such person –
- (a) holds a qualification referred to in regulation 2(2) or (3); or

- (b) performs community service in terms of section 24A.

- (3) The Registrar may register a person as a dietitian in the category private practice if such person holds a qualification referred to in regulation 2(2) or (3) and has completed community service in terms of section 24A of the Act.

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