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HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

**REGULATIONS DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROFESSIONS OF SPEECH
THERAPY AND AUDIOLOGY**

In terms of section 33(1) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), the Minister of Health and Welfare, acting on the recommendation of the South African Medical and Dental Council, has made the regulations set out in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE

1. In this Schedule "the Act" shall mean the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), and, unless the context otherwise indicates, any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning.
2. The following acts are hereby specified as acts that shall, for the purpose of the Act, be deemed to be acts pertaining to the professions of speech therapy and audiology:
 - i. In the case of the profession of speech therapy: The assessment of any speech, voice, hearing and language pathology, and of the processes which may contribute to the development of any such pathology.
 - ii. In the case of the profession of speech therapy: The planning, conducting or directing of or participating in the habilitation and/ or rehabilitation of persons with speech, voice and language pathologies, including therapeutic procedures that enable such persons to acquire adequate speech, voice and language proficiency and that may include counselling and guidance related to such communication disorders.
 - iii. In the case of the profession of audiology: The evaluating and determining the range, nature and degree of persons' hearing function in relation to their auditory efficiency and communication needs, including observation, the use of electro-acoustic instrumentation, and assessing receptive and expressive speech and language pathologies associated with hearing impairment.

- iv. In the case of the profession of audiology: The planning, conducting or directing of or participating in the habilitation and/or rehabilitation of persons with hearing pathologies, including the fitting and use of hearing aids, auditory training, speech reading, signing systems, speech conservation, speech and language acquisition, counselling and guidance related to the hearing impairment and to hearing conservation programmes.
3. The regulations published under government Notice R.450 of 10 March 1978 are hereby withdrawn.
