

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERS

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The South African Medical and Dental Council hereby makes the following rules in terms of [section 32](#)(1) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974):

1. The council may register as a biomedical engineer any applicant who -
 - (1) holds a Bachelor's degree (or the equivalent thereof) in engineering, or in some other physical or biological or medical discipline which forms the basis for biomedical engineering practice, conferred by a university or other institution approved by the council;
 - (2) subsequent to having obtained the academic qualification prescribed in rule 1(1), has had at least three years' training under a registered biomedical engineer or other competent person at an institution approved by the council: Provided that in the case of an applicant who holds a master's degree (or equivalent thereof) or a doctorate in engineering, or in some other physical or biological or medical discipline which forms a basis for biomedical engineering practice, conferred by a university approved by the council, the period of training prescribed in this subrule may, at the discretion of the council, be reduced by one or two years, respectively;
 - (3) submits satisfactory documentary evidence in the form of Annexure A hereto that, having completed the training prescribed in rule 1(2), he is sufficiently skilled and competent to practise as a biomedical engineer.
2. Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 1 it shall be lawful for the council to register a person as a biomedical engineer who submits satisfactory documentary evidence that he holds academic qualifications and has completed training in biomedical engineering which, in the opinion of the council, are equivalent to those prescribed in rule 1(1), (2) and (3).
3. 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 council to be furnished with authoritative information as to the standard of training required for such qualification, whereupon, if such standard of training is considered satisfactory by the council, such qualification may be approved.

ANNEXURE A

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that..... (Name of person applying for registration) has worked at the..... (Name of institution) in the department ofin a full-time capacity as a..... (Position held) from..... (Date) until (Date) under my personal supervision.

I consider him/her* to be a competent and fit person to practise as a biomedical engineer.

Signature

Date

Post held

*Delete whichever is inapplicable.