

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS

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The interim National Medical and Dental Council of South Africa hereby makes the following rules in terms of [section 32](#) (1) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), in substitution for the rules published under Board Notice 34 of 1996:

1. The council may register as a clinical biochemist any applicant who satisfies the professional board and the council that he/she complies with the requirements set out in rules 1 (1) and 1 (2).

(1) He/she shall hold one of the following qualifications:

<i>Examining authority and qualification</i>	<i>Abbreviation for registration</i>
<i>Medical University of Southern Africa</i> Bachelor of Science (Medical) (Hons)	BSc (Med) (Hons) Medunsa
<i>University of Cape Town</i> Bachelor of Science (Medicine) (Honours) in Medical Biochemistry	BSc (Med) (Hons) Cape Town
<i>University of the North</i> Bachelor of Science (Medical Science)	BSc (Med Sci) Unin
<i>University of the Free State</i> Bachelor of Medical Sciences Honours	B Med Sc (Hons) UFS
<i>University of Pretoria</i> Baccalaureus Scientiae (Honores)	BSc (Hons) Pret

- (2) Subsequent to having obtained the qualification prescribed in rule 1 (1), he/she must complete two years of experiential practical training in an accredited institution approved for this purpose by the professional board and the Council under the supervision of a clinical biochemist, clinical pathologist or chemical pathologist registered with the Council for not less than three years: Provided that, of the two years experiential training prescribed in this paragraph, one year of experiential training may at the discretion of the professional board and the council, be completed while such applicant was enrolled for a part-time honours degree as mentioned in rule 1 (1).

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these rules, it shall be lawful for the professional board and the council to register as a clinical biochemist any person who has not fully complied with these rules, if the professions board and the council, after due inquiry, is satisfied that such person is competent to practice as a clinical biochemist.