

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL BIOLOGICAL SCIENTISTS

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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), read with [section 61](#) (4), 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 No. 52 of 1990.

1. The council may register as a medical biological scientist any applicant who satisfies the professional board and the council that he/she has complied with the requirements set out in rules 1 (1) and 1 (2).

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

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Examining authority and qualification

Abbreviation for registration

Medical University of Southern Africa

Bachelor of Science Honours

BSc (Hons) (Medunsa)

Bachelor of Science (Medical) (Honours)

BSc (Med) (Hons) (Medunsa)

Potchefstroom University for CHE

Honours Bachelor of Science

Hons BSc (PU for CHE)

Rhodes University, Grahamstown

Bachelor of Science with Honours

BSc (Hons) (Rhodes)

University of Cape Town

Bachelor of Science in Medicine

BSc (Med) (Hons) (Cape Town)

(Honours)

BSc (Hons)

Bachelor of Science Honours

University of Durban Westville

Honours Bachelor of Science

BSc (Hons) (UDW)

Hons Bachelor of Medical Science

BSc (Med) (Hons) (UDW)

University of Natal

Bachelor of Science Honours

BSc (Hons) (Natal)

Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours)

B Med Sc (Hons) (Natal)

University of the North

Bachelor of Science in Medical Science

BSc (Med Sci) (UNIN)

University of North West
Bachelor of Science Honours in Biology BSc (Hons) (UNW)

University of the Free State
Bachelor of Science Honours BSc Hons (UFS)
Honours Baccalaureus in Medical B Med Sc Hons (UFS)
Sciences

University of Port Elizabeth
Baccalaureus Scientiae Honores BSc (Hons) (UPE)

University of Pretoria
Baccalaureus Scientiae Honores in Natural
Science and Medical Science BSc (Hons) (Pret)

University of Stellenbosch
Honours Bachelor of Science in Natural
Science and Medical Science Hons BSc (Stell)

University of Transkei
Honours Bachelor of Science Hons BSc (Unitra)
Bachelor of Science (Medicine) (Honours) BSc Med Hons

University of Venda
Honours Bachelor of Science BSc (Hons) (Venda)

University of Western Cape
Honours Baccalaureus Scientiae BSc Hons (UWC)

University of the Witwatersrand
Bachelor of Science with Honours in Natural
Science of Medical Science BSc (Hons) (Witwatersrand)

(2) Subsequent to having obtained the qualification prescribed in rule 1 (1), he/she must complete two years of experiential training in an accredited institution approved for this purpose by the professional board and the Council under the supervision of a medical biological scientist or medical specialist in an appropriate speciality 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. An applicant may register as a medical biological scientist in one or more of the following categories, provided that the appropriate major subjects were included in the honours degree as mentioned in rule 1 (1):

- (i) Genetics.
- (ii) Anatomy.
- (iii) Physiology.

- (iv) Haematology.
- (v) Microbiology.
- (vi) Anatomical Pathology.
- (vii) Virology.
- (viii) Radiation Biology.
- (ix) Pharmacology.
- (x) Medical Biochemistry.
- (xi) Medical Entomology.

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