

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION BY DENTAL THERAPISTS AND ORAL HYGIENISTS OF ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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The Health Professions Council of South Africa has, under [section 61A](#)(1)(L) read with [section 35](#) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), made the rules in the schedule.

SCHEDULE

1. Definitions

In these rules, “the Act” means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have that meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates :-

“**board**” means the professional board for dental therapy and oral hygiene established under section 15 of the Act;

“**dental therapist**” means a person registered as such under the Act; and

“**oral hygienist**” means a person registered as such under the Act.

2. The following qualifications obtained by **dental therapists** shall be registrable as additional qualifications under [section 35](#) of the Act:

Examining Authority and Qualifications	Abbreviation for registration
University of California - Master of Public Health	M Public Health California
University College London – Diploma in community Dental Health	Dip Community Dental Health - Univ. College London
University of Limpopo (formally Medical University of South Africa) - Advanced Diploma in Community Dentistry	Ad Dip Community Dentistry Limpopo
University of Limpopo (formally Medical University of South Africa) - Bachelors Honours in Dental Therapy	B-Dent Ther (Hons) - Limpopo

3. The following qualifications obtained by **oral hygienists** shall be registrable as additional qualifications under [section 35](#) of the Act:-

Examining Authority and Qualifications	Abbreviation for registration
University of the Western Cape - Magister Scientiae Dentium	MSc - Dentium Western Cape
University of the Western Cape - Philosophiae Doctor	Phd Western Cape

University of the Witwatersrand - Diploma in Health Service Management	DHSM Wits
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(Signed)

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