

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

## REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS AS GENERAL PRACTITIONERS IN DENTISTRY

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The Minister of Health has, in terms of [section 24](#) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

### SCHEDULE

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#### **Definitions**

1. In these regulations any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and unless the context otherwise indicates -

**"Annexure"** means an annexure to these regulations;

**"board"** means the Medical and Dental Professional Board established by Government Notice No. R.75 of 16 January 1998;

**"the Act"** means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974).

#### **Registration as a dentist in the category independent practice (general practitioner)**

2. (1) A person holding a qualification listed in the Annexure shall be entitled to obtain registration under the Act as a dentist in the category independent practice (general practitioner) if he or she has, before or in connection with or after obtaining the qualification concerned, complied with the requirements of subregulations (2) and (3).
  - (2) The holder of a qualification referred to in subregulation (1) shall first have been registered in terms of the Act as -
    - (a) a dental student and shall have completed the prescribed education and training as a dental student;
    - (b) after the introduction of community service for dentists in terms of [section 24A](#) of the Act, a dentist to perform community service and shall have completed such service.
  - (3) The holder of a qualification referred to in subregulation (1) shall -
    - (a) submit his or her application in terms of [section 17](#) of the Act for registration as a dentist in the said category to the board on an application form supplied by the board and duly completed;

- (b) subject to the provisions of subregulation (2)(b) and on completion thereof, submit a report issued by the relevant health authority as evidence that he or she has satisfactorily completed community service; and
- (c) pay the prescribed fee.

**ANNEXURE**

**University or examining authority  
and qualification**

**Abbreviation for  
registration**

*Medical University of Southern Africa*

Bachelor of Dental Surgery .....BChD Medunsa  
 Bachelor of Dental Science .....BDS Medunsa

*University of Pretoria*

Bachelor of Dental Surgery. ....SChD Pret

*University of Stellenbosch*

Bachelor of Dental Surgery .....B.ChD Steb

*University of the Western Cape*

Bachelor of Dental Surgery .....B.ChD Western Cape

*University of the Witwatersrand*

Bachelor of Dental Science .....BDS Witwatersrand  
 Bachelor of Dental Surgery ..... BDS Witwatersrand

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