



Health Professions Council of South Africa

**PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, MEDICAL
ORTHOTICS
AND PROSTHETICS AND ARTS THERAPY**

**GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN
QUALIFIED MEDICAL ORTHOTISTS AND PROSTHETISTS
FORM 176**

INFORMATION FOR REGISTRATION AND EXAMINATION WITHIN THE OCP BOARD

Dear Sir / Madam

Your application for registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa refers.

Foreign qualified health practitioners with qualifications that enable them to practice abroad/in their country of origin may apply for registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa provided the applicant complies with the minimum requirements. The South African Minimum Standards for Training for professions registered within this Board (HPCSA) will be used as a guideline when the board examination is compiled. Candidates are advised to consult minimum standards documents, related to their profession, when selecting material to prepare for the examination.

Registration is on condition that the applicant submits written support in terms of employability from the Directorate: Workforce Management (DWM) of the National Department of Health, Pretoria.

The following procedure should be followed by foreign qualified practitioners:

- Step 1: Apply to the Board for registration by submitting current and relevant documentation, including an initial letter of endorsement towards employability issued by the DWM of the National Department of Health.
- Step 2: The education committee determines eligibility to sit the board examination. If approved, the first examination should be undertaken within a year of available examination after approval by the education committee.
- Step 3: Payment of the examination fee will be required for theoretical and practical examinations respectively before the examination. The date and venue of the examination will be decided by the Board but will be conducted in April and October annually. Proof of payment must be submitted with the application.
- Step 4: Undertake both part of the examination (theoretical and practical). A sub-minimum of 50% applies to each examination. Result will be available within six weeks of the last examination cycle undertaken.
- Step 5: If successful and on receipt of written confirmation from the Board, obtain a letter of endorsement from the DWM of the National Department of Health.
- Step 6: Pay the prescribed fee for the issuance of the relevant registration certificate.
- Step 7: Upon successful completion of the Board examination and compliance with the DWM the candidate will be registered in the category community service (OT) or supervised practice (MOP and AT) for a period of 12-months.
- Step 8: Upon completion of the 12-month's community service (OT) or supervised practice (MOP and AT), and compliance with the requirements of DWM (permanent residence status or South African citizenship), the candidate will be eligible to register in the category Independent Practice.

In order to avoid delays in the processing of your application **all documents, correctly certified** as per the requirements of the Board should be submitted preferably **in one batch**. Applications submitted by **facsimile (fax)** will not be entertained. All documentation required by the Board should be submitted in English. Only original translations of the required documents done by a sworn translator and duly sealed and notarised will be accepted. In addition to such English translations, legible copies of the original documents, certified and duly sealed by a Notary Public should be submitted.

It should be noted that **separate** applications should be prepared and submitted to the Health Professions Council of South Africa (Form 176 OCP) and the Directorate: Workforce Management (DWM) of the National Department of Health. (Form 176 DOH)

Should you require any further information, please feel free to write to the Professional Board or the DWM of the National Department of Health.

Yours faithfully

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GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN QUALIFIED PRACTITIONERS

These guidelines are intended to assist an applicant who wishes to apply for registration with the Professional Board for Occupational Therapy, Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics and Arts Therapy (OCP Board). This procedure consists of 3 stages:

A STAGE 1 APPLICATION

1. A foreign qualified applicant must hold a qualification entitling him or her to practise in the country in which the qualification was obtained.
2. The education and training of the applicant must meet the requirements of the Professional Board for the education and training required from candidates qualifying in South Africa. The Professional Board acting under the auspices of the Health Professions Council of South Africa will establish whether an applicant meets the prescribed Minimum Standards of Training for professions in the OCP Board in South Africa.
3. Please note that **separate** applications should be prepared and submitted to –
 - the Health Professions Council of South Africa
 - the Directorate: Workforce Management (DWM) of the National Department of Health in South Africa – See Form 176 DOH
4. The cut-off date for applications for the April examination will be 1 September of the preceding year. The cut-off date for applications for the October examination will be 1 February of the same year.
5. The following documents must be submitted to the Professional Board at the address provided below:
 - The attached application form duly completed.
 - Copies of all degree/diploma certificates or equivalent academic qualifications certified by an attorney in his or her capacity as notary public and bearing the official stamp as well as sworn translation of these into English. Copies certified only by a Commissioner of Oaths **will not be accepted**. In view of possible damage or loss of such documents, documents should be sent by registered mail.
 - A recent original Certificate of Status (Certificate of Good Standing), issued by the foreign registration authority/ies where the applicant is currently registered. Such certificates will only be accepted if they were issued within the preceding three months.
 - A copy of a valid Passport or Identity Document as proof of current citizenship, duly certified by a notary public as indicated above.
 - A letter of endorsement in support of the application for registration issued by the Directorate: Workforce Management (DWM) of the National Department of Health (Form 176 DOH attached hereto for this purpose). *This application should be compiled and submitted directly to The Director, DWM, National Department of Health, Civitas Building, 222 Thabo Sehume St, Pretoria, 0001, South Africa, 012 395 8000*
 - Applicants who fail to secure the support of the DWM towards an application for registration or employment will not be eligible for registration.
 - In the case of South African citizens who qualified abroad the letter of endorsement in support of the application for registration issued by the Directorate: Workforce Management (DWM) of the National Department of Health is not required. Upon receipt of written confirmation by the Board of successful completion of the examination and that they are eligible to register with the Council such applicants are required to approach the Department of Health, for placement in community service posts as per the “Regulations relating to the registration of persons who hold qualifications not prescribed for registration” promulgated as Government Notice No. R. 101 on 6 February 2009.

Their contact details are as follows:

Website: www.doh.gov.za

Switchboard: 012 395 8000
Physical address: C/r Thabo Sehume & Struben
Civitas Building - Room S1001, Pretoria
Postal address: Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001

6. In addition to the above minimum requirements, applicants may further be required to submit a detailed curriculum (in English) of the applicant's course of study, specifying courses, content of education (theory) and training (practical/clinical), duration and mode of examination/evaluation.
7. In order to avoid delays in the processing of your application **all the documents, correctly certified** as per the requirements of the Board should be submitted preferably **in one batch**. All documentation required by the Board should be submitted in English. Only original translations of the required documents done by a sworn translator and duly sealed and notarised will be accepted. In addition to such English translations, legible copies of the original documents, certified and duly sealed by a Notary Public should be submitted.

B STAGE 2 EXAMINATION

1. Upon receipt of written confirmation by the Education Committee of the Professional Board for Occupational Therapy, Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics that the applicant is eligible to sit the Board Examination, he/she must submit the following to the Board prior to the examination:
 - Examination application form duly completed.
 - A copy of the letter issued by the Education Committee of the Board confirming that the applicant is eligible to sit the examination.
 - The examination fees.
2. The examination for Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics will be conducted in **April** and **October** (for medical orthotist and prosthetist, examinations will only be offered in September/October) consists of the following:
 - a. Two separate three hour written examinations in Orthotics and Prosthetics respectively which shall provide for –
 - i. knowledge of basic clinical assessment, measuring, manufacturing, fitting and issuing of devices, including the rehabilitation process in MOP in the South African public health arena.
 - ii. an assessment of the candidate's understanding of the ethics of the health professions as practised in South Africa.
 - b. The practical skills of the candidate will be addressed by means of the submission of a portfolio of evidence. This will be done in the form of video / dvd clips showing the practical skills.
 - c. The final assessment will be in the form of an interview on the 3rd day . This will be an online meeting through the HPCSA platform Teams. Questions will be on the video / dvd clips, clinical O&P related scenarios and ethics. Refer to Annexure D-MOP.
 - d. A candidate will have a maximum of two opportunities to pass each component of the examination within a period of three years.
 - e. On successful completion of examinations, the candidate will be required to complete an internship of minimum twelve months.
3. The Education Committee will appoint moderators and examiners for each examination.

C. APPEALS AGAINST RESULTS

In the event that a Candidate appeals the results of the Board Examination they are legally entitled to have access to the outcome of their assessment, the marking template, and the comments by the examiners. A different examination panel will be asked to review the recording of the examination and or the theory paper

and provide an assessment thereof with comments and recommendations regarding the outcome of the appeal.

The remark will cost 50% of the examination fee.

D STAGE 3 - REGISTRATION

The Professional Board will issue a letter to applicants who have been successful in the examination. Such applicants will qualify for registration in the category Medical Orthotist and Prosthetist – Supervised practice (1 year)

Registration will be effected upon submission of the letter issued by the Board, the documentation required according to the Regulations, an endorsement by the DWM of the Department of Health and the prescribed registration fee.

In addition to the registration fee, applicants are required to pay a **pro-rata annual fee**.
No registration certificate will be issued without all requested documentation being submitted.

Address/Enquiries

Duly compiled applications or written enquiries may be sent or delivered to:

The Registrar
HPCSA
P O Box 205
PRETORIA
0001
SOUTH AFRICA

OR

553 Madiba Street
Arcadia
PRETORIA
Email: matshidisomo@hpcsa.co.za

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION FOR MEDICAL ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS

Community Service	Education	Post Graduate Study	Volunteer Service	Supervised Practice	Independent Practice
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1. TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT (Please Print)

Title:(Mr/Mrs/Miss):							
Surname:							
Maiden Name:							
First Names:							
Postal Address:							
Work Address:							
Tel (Work):				Tel (Home):			
Cell:				E-Mail:			
Date of Birth:				Birth Place:			
Nationality:							
Present employer							
Position/appointment held:							
*Marital Status:	Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	*Gender:	Male	Female
*Race:	African	Asian	Coloured	White			
* - For statistical purposes only – Information required by the National Department of Health							

2. Qualifications

Name of Degree/Diploma	University/Educational Institution where qualification was obtained	From		To	
		Month	Year	Month	Year

3. Full Record of Practical Clinical Training (Completed concurrent with or after completion of professional education)

Areas (e.g. Paediatrics, Adults, including Geriatrics, etc.)	Type of Patients	Type of Setting	From		To		Hours
			Month	Year	Month	Year	
Total Hours							

4. Professional Experience (In chronological order)

Name of institution	Nature of appointment held	Full-time/ part-time	From	To	Total period in months	Enclosed documentary evidence marked A, B, etc

5. DECLARATION BY APPLICANT APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION IN TERMS OF THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974

I,hereby declare under oath as follows:

- a. I am the person referred to in the accompanying certificate(s) of qualification(s) which I submit in support of my application to be registered as _____ in the Republic of South Africa.
- b. The said qualification(s) was/were granted to me after examination and is/are my own lawful property, and entitle me as far as professional qualifications are concerned, to practise in the country where qualification was obtained, namely _____.
- c. I have never been convicted in any country of any offence against the law or been debarred from practice by reason of misconduct and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, no proceedings involving or likely to involve a charge of any such nature are pending against me in any country at present*.
- d. I further accept that my application may be delayed should I fail to submit all the required documentation.

Signature

SWORN before me at this day of 20.....

Signature:

Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Oaths

Declaration to be completed preferably by a medical practitioner, dentist or other health practitioner

I, the undersigned**
of hereby declare under oath:
I personally know
whose signature appears above. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements in his/her declaration are true.

I consider him/her to be a fit and proper person to be registered as _____.

Signature Profession or calling
SWORN before me at this.....day of
..... 20

Signature
Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Oaths
District of

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Profession or calling
SWORN before me atthis.....day of
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Signature:
Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Oaths

If the applicant is unable to make the declaration above, the Council, in order to consider the application, will require full particulars of the reasons for his or her inability.

6. Any other relevant facts which the applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Board:

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FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY		
Documents received	Yes	No
Copy of qualification certificates		
Sworn Translation in English		
Certificate of Status		
Passport or Identity Document		
Letter of endorsement – Directorate: Workforce Management		

COMMENT:

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ATTESTATION BY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION REGARDING QUALIFICATION
(Please print or type)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This section to be submitted directly to the University or Educational Institution for completion.
 2. Once completed this form must be returned by the University directly to: The Registrar, Professional Board for Occupational Therapy, Medical Orthotics/Prosthetics and Arts Therapy, HPCSA, P O Box 205, Pretoria, 0001, Republic of South Africa.
 3. If the institution should have any reservations about the applicant's professional competence, professional conduct or moral character, please explain in a letter addressed to the Registrar at the same address.
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- a. Name of applicant:
(Title, Initials and Surname)
- b. Type of Qualification e.g. BSc (OT)
- c. Date qualification obtained:
- d. Educational Institution information

Name:

Address:

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Phone Number: (Country and dialling code).....

Fax No.....

E-mail address.....

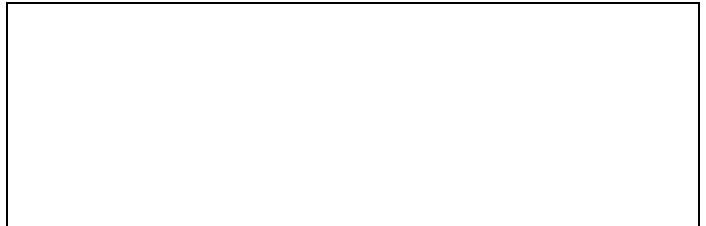
- e. Applicant Information
 - A concise official copy of the syllabus of training.
 - An official transcript of the results obtained by the applicant in each examination.
- f. Is this Educational Institution accredited/approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists/ International Association Orthotics and Prosthetics/ Another international organization (provide detail) Yes / No

Signed:.....

Name: Please print

Designation:.....

Official date stamp of Institution

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for an official date stamp from the institution.

CATEGORIES FOR REGISTRATION

A practitioner who obtained his/her basic qualification outside South Africa will initially have to apply for registration in the category Public Service. After meeting further requirements as prescribed by the HPCSA and the Minister of Health the applicant may apply for registration in the category independent or private practice.

A. REGISTRATION IN THE CATEGORY PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Individual applicants apply for registration as outlined above in order to obtain registration in public service.
2. Practitioners registered in the Category Public Service shall practise under the auspices of an employing Public Health Authority.
3. Continuation of registration in this and other categories of registration is subject to the prescribed requirements of professional conduct and Continuing Professional Development.

B. REGISTRATION IN THE CATEGORY INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

1. Only applicants who have completed 12 months of community service and obtained permanent residence status and/or South African citizenship will be eligible for registration in the category Independent Practice.
2. In order to consider an application for registration in independent practice a written request as well as a letter of support pertaining to such registration, issued by the Directorate: Workforce Management of the National Department of Health, would have to be submitted to the Board.

C. REGISTRATION IN THE CATEGORY EDUCATION

1. Applications for such registration must first be submitted by the Head of the relevant Department and the Dean of a University/research institution. Such application should further be supported by the Directorate: Workforce Management of the National Department of Health.
2. Applications must be accompanied by –
 - a. proof of the applicant holding an appropriate qualification in occupational therapy in the country of origin (attach a copy of degree certificate certified by a Notary Public and (if applicable) a sworn translation thereof in English);
 - b. a recent original Certificate of Status (Certificate of Good Standing) issued by the foreign Registration Authority;
 - c. an undertaking regarding supervision to be provided by the University for the duration of such registration submitted by the Head of the relevant Department and the Dean of a University/research institution based on –
 - i. the institution's assessment of the applicant's *curriculum vitae*;
 - ii. an assessment of his/her abilities to practise successfully in South Africa as an educator/trainer/researcher;
 - iii. the applicant having complied with all the requirements of the institution for employment as an educator/trainer/researcher;
 - d. the application form for registration, duly completed;
 - e. the prescribed registration fee.

3. Persons registered in the category Education are only permitted to practice in accordance with their appointment at the relevant educational institution for teaching, training or research purposes subject to appropriate supervision to be provided by the University. Such registration does not entitle such practitioner to practice in independent or private practice.
4. Registration in this category, where an examination is not required for registration, would be limited to a maximum period of one year per application. Such registration could, however, be extended annually on the basis of a written request by the head of such institution and subject to approval thereof by the Board.

D. REGISTRATION IN THE CATEGORY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

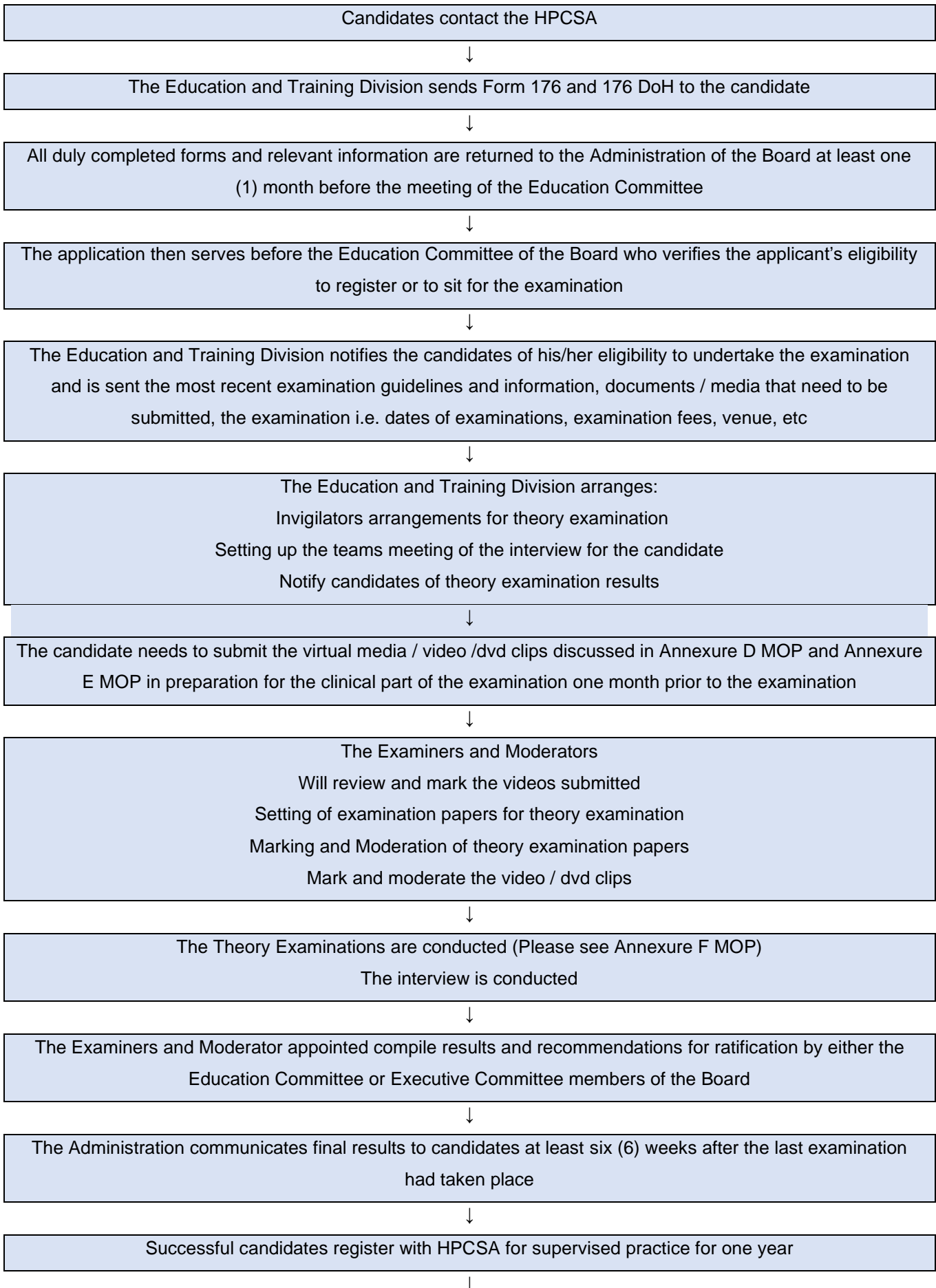
1. An application for registration in the category volunteer service must be submitted by the relevant South African health care provider, approved by the Board. The application should further be supported by the Directorate: Workforce Management of the National Department of Health.
2. The application must be accompanied by –
 - a. proof of the relevant practitioner holding an appropriate qualification in occupational therapy in the country of origin (attach a copy of degree certificate certified by a Notary Public and a sworn translation thereof into English);
 - b. a recent original Certificate of Status (Certificate of Good Standing) issued by foreign Registration Authority;
 - c. a recommendation for registration by the South African health care provider based on –
 - i. the provider's assessment of the practitioner's *curriculum vitae*;
 - ii. an assessment of the practitioner's abilities to practise successfully in South Africa;
 - iii. the period for which the practitioner will require such registration (See 3 below);
 - iv. an undertaking by the South African health care provider to supervise the practitioner during the said period of registration;
 - d. an affidavit, issued by the South African health care provider confirming that the applicant would only be employed as a volunteer for the duration of such registration, that the applicant would not be remunerated for his or her services and that appropriate supervision would be provided for the duration of such registration.
 - e. The application for registration in the Category Volunteer Services, duly completed.
 - f. The prescribed registration fee.
3. Registration in the category Volunteer Services, where an examination is not required for registration, would be limited to a maximum period of one year per application. Such registration could, however, be extended annually on the basis of a written request by the head of such institution and subject to approval thereof by the Board.

E. REGISTRATION IN THE CATEGORY POST GRADUATE STUDY

- a. Applications for such registration should be submitted by the Dean of the Faculty of a South African university. This category is intended to build capacity and on completion of their study programme, these students are required to return to their country of origin. Registration in this category is limited to unpaid positions only. Such application should further be supported by the Directorate: Workforce Management of the National Department of Health.
- b. Applications must be accompanied by –

- i. proof of the applicant holding at least a basic qualification in occupational therapy in the country of origin (attach a copy of degree certificate certified by a Notary Public and a sworn translation thereof in English);
 - ii. a letter submitted by the Dean of the Faculty of a South African university confirming that the applicant would be appointed in a supernumerary post as well as a recommendation for registration in the said category by the university specifying -
 - aa. the nature of the proposed study;
 - bb. the level of such study;
 - cc. the expected duration of the proposed study;
 - iii. a letter issued by the Department of Health confirming that all requirements and contractual arrangements had been complied with to permit the applicant to undergo the proposed post graduate study in South Africa and that the applicant had agreed in writing that he or she would not on completion of his or her education and training apply for registration in South Africa;
 - iv. a recent original Certificate of Status (Certificate of Good Standing) issued by the foreign Registration Authority;
 - v. the attached application form for registration, duly completed;
 - vi. the prescribed registration fee.
- c. This registration is limited to a specific university.
 - d. The scope of the post graduate study is as specified, including clinical duties, while holding a supernumerary post for post graduate study.
 - e. Education and training undertaken in a supernumerary post will not be recognised for registration of such practitioner in South Africa. In order to qualify for registration in South Africa, an applicant has to formally apply to the Board for registration.
 - f. Registration in this category, where an examination is not required for registration, would be limited to a maximum period of one year per application. Such registration could, however, be extended annually on the basis of a written request by the head of such institution and subject to approval thereof by the Board.
 - g. It should, however, be noted that successful completion of e.g. a Master's degree in South Africa will not entitle an applicant to registration in South Africa. Successful completion of the Board examination aligned with competencies towards a primary qualification will be the only route towards registration in public service and eventually independent practice in South Africa.

APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION PROCESS MOP



Successful candidates register with HPCSA for independent practice after a report is received from the supervisor saying that the candidate has completed the one-year supervised practice and comply to the South African environment.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET BY THE CANDIDATE PRIOR TO THE WRITTEN AND PRACTICAL/ORAL EXAMINATION

1. Candidates need to compile the required documentation and virtual videos and submit this one month prior to the examination.

a. Select and treat 4 patients in different age groups at the place selected for the clinical work.

Cases:

1. Upper extremity Prosthetics
2. Lower extremity Prosthetics
3. Spinal Orthotics
4. Lower extremity Orthotics

b. The cases should demonstrate comprehensive planning of treatment and illustrate a variety of techniques, activities and methods of treatment as well a planning for the future.

c. The candidate need to submit videos to showcase the following skills in the different cases. Each video must be clearly saved with the skill that is demonstrated. The video must be clear and the sound must be good. It is advised that the candidate explain everything that they are doing whilst recording the case and skills. Each video should not exceed 10 minutes. The platform for submission of the videos could differ from uploading it to google drive to submitting a USB stick.

Skills:

1. Evaluation and assessment skills(including the discussion of the diagnosis and prescription)
2. Measurement skills
3. Casting skills (for a trans femoral patient)
4. POP rectification skills
5. Moulding skills
6. Laminating skills
7. Alignment skills
8. Fitting skills
9. Gait training skills
- 10.Rehabilitation planning skills

For example:

For Case 1 you will do 2 x 10 minute videos pertaining to skills 6 and 8

For Case 2 you will do 3 x 10 minute videos pertaining to skills 3, 7 and 9

For Case 3 you will do 3 x 10 minute videos pertaining to skills 1, 4 and 5

For Case 4 you will do 2 x 10 minute videos pertaining to skills 2 and 10

Please note that written consent must be obtained from each patient/client to be recorded during treatment. The patient/client must be assured that the video clip will remain in the possession of the candidate after the examination. For this reason, it is necessary to obtain written consent. Confidentiality must be honoured. (Refer to Annexure F-MOP)

d. A written report according to the Case Report Outline below, of each case, must be submitted electronically to the Education and Training Division at least 1 month before the examination.

e. The examiners will review the material submitted.

f. The results of the Examination will be submitted by the examiners in a report to the Examinations Administrator who will then submit the results to the Education Committee for ratification.

Once approved by the Education Committee the Examinations Administrator will notify the applicant and provide further information for registration.

CASE REPORT OUTLINE MOP

Please note that candidates are required to present a detailed Case Report which must contain the following information:

1. Background Information on the Patient/Client

Name (for purposes of confidentiality the real name of the patient should not be revealed), age, gender, occupation, social and family circumstances and place of work (if applicable).

2. Medical History

Details of past and present medical history. Diagnosis and medication, including side-effects of medication. Details of the present treatment regime (if available) e.g. occupational therapy and physiotherapy.

3. Social and Work History

- Details of current work and work environment as well as past work history.
- Details of home environment and family and support structures.

4. Assessment

- Details of all assessments carried out by the candidate. These should be comprehensive and relevant to the particular level of treatment. Relevant assessment forms should be included. Standardised assessments should be referenced.
- List of the current problems and strengths experienced by the patient/client.
- List of all aims of treatment and desired outcomes to be met during the treatment period in order of importance.

5. Treatment Plan (Planning for the future)

- The prescribed assistive device and the design selected as the basis of the plan should be given, the reasons for selection and how it will influence the treatment.
- Description of all activities, techniques, and material used to implement the plan.
- The amount of sessions with the patient must be recorded
- Plans for after care and follow-up

Note: "Activities is used in the widest sense of the word and includes all activities that the candidate will have to do to manufacture the assistive device. It also include additional activities such as gait training after receiving the device.

6. Record of documentation

- Consent forms signed (Practice consent forms that including billing information)
- Patient satisfaction form

Professional terminology must be used throughout and references given at the end of the report.

FORMAT OF THE WRITTEN, PRACTICAL AND INTERVIEW EXAMINATION FOR MOP

Candidates are informed of the following during the examination:

1. Theory

- 1.1 The candidate will write two 3-hour examination in Orthotics theory on the first day of examination. This will commence on 10:00 of the specific day arranged.

Orthotics Theory

- Lower extremity below the knee
- Lower extremity through the knee and above the knee
- Upper extremity
- Spinal

- 1.2 The candidate will write a 3 hour examination in prosthetics theory on the second (2nd) day of the examination. This will commence on 10:00 of the specific day arranged.

Prosthetics Theory

- Lower extremity below the knee
- Lower extremity through the knee and above the knee
- Upper extremity

- 1.3 The examination will include ethical rules and regulations set out by the HPCSA regarding the profession orthotics and prosthetics.

Note: The candidates have to pass each theoretical examination, the practical division and the interview with a minimum of 50% to pass the board examination.

2. Practical / Clinical

The candidate have already submitted the practical videos as described in Annexure D. This is marked by the panel prior to the examination.

3. The interview:

A one hour online interview via teams will be set up by the Education and Training Division after the 2nd examination on the 2nd day. Questions are set up by the panel to clarify anything noticed during the videos that was submitted. Additional questions will be asked if some aspect was not covered by the candidate. Questions may include ethical questions.

The final marks will be calculated as follow:

Orthotics theory examination	25% (candidate have to have a minimum of 50% to pass)
Prosthetics theory examination	25% (candidate have to have a minimum of 50% to pass)
Video's submitted regarding practical and clinical component	35% (candidate have to have a minimum of 50% to pass)
Interview	15%

**EXAMINER / MODERATOR REPORTING GUIDELINES AND MARKING RUBRICS
MEDICAL ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHEPTICS EXAMINATIONS**

Name of examiner 1:	
Name of examiner 2:	
Name of moderator:	
Name of candidate:	
Date of theory examination:	
Venue for theory examination:	
Date of online interview:	

	Students mark out of 100	Final Mark	Final Marks
1. Orthotics theory examination			25%
2. Prosthetics theory examination			25%
3. Videos submitted regarding practical and clinical component			35%
4. Interview			15%
			100%

Principles of Examination:

- The examination intends to offer the candidate a supportive experience. Examiners are to be mindful of the varying frames of reference a candidate may present as a result of the specific accredited model of training received internationally. This may differ from the examiners own model and frame of reference.
- Please ensure that all comments offer detailed rigorous feedback adhering to the same academic requirements requested of the candidate throughout the examination process.
- Where appropriate please make concrete suggestions for improvement

Scale used to mark

0	Poor the candidate displays no competency with reference to these criteria
2	Weak - the candidate displays little competency with reference to these criteria
4	Moderate – the candidates display some competency but there is room for greater depth and improvement
6	Good – The candidate displays competency
8	Very Good – the candidate displays competency, academic acumen and professional rigour
10	Excellent – the candidate displays exceptional ability to engage with the requirements academically and professionally

3. Rubric: Video Submissions

Criteria: Skills of the candidate must be visible, comprehensive and a clear so that the candidate show the ability to understand the necessary communication, techniques and steps to be taken to complete these tasks

<u>Video submitted</u>	Mark out of 10	Comments:
Evaluation and assessment skills		
Measurement skills		
Casting skills (preferably case 2 a trans femoral patient)		
POP rectification skills		
Moulding skills		
Laminating skills		
Alignment skills		
Fitting skills		
Gait training skills		
Rehabilitation planning skills		
Final Mark (100)		

4. Interview:

This section is added to assist the candidate with additional marks regarding the video submission. The panel may ask questions related to the skills of the candidate and to clarify uncertainties that the panel may have. Ethics may also be addressed during this session. Marks will be allocated according to the gaps that the panel will try to fill.

**PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, MEDICAL ORTHOTICS AND
PROSTHETICS AND ARTS THERAPY**

Department: PROFESSIONAL BOARDS

Reference:

Date:

Dear Madam

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH PREPARATIONS WITH CLINICAL EXAMINATION FOR
FOREIGN QUALIFIED PRACTITIONERS**

The Professional Board for Occupational Therapy, Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics and Arts Therapy requires all foreign qualified practitioners to pass an examination conducted by examiners appointed by the Professional Board before they may register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa and practice their profession in South Africa.

The examination has a written and a practical component. The practical component requires that the candidate presents 2 case studies of patients/clients (of any age group) and demonstrate treatment sessions that she/he had with the specific patients/clients by visual recording. One patient/client must be from the physical field and the other from the psychiatric field of occupational therapy. It may not be possible for the candidate to obtain both patients/clients in your clinical area.

The Professional Board requests your permission that _____ **(Name)** may treat a patient/client for a period of not more than 3 months prior to the scheduled examination. Informed consent will have to be obtained from the patient/client for his/her participation in treatment and one treatment session may be recorded. The candidate must obtain written informed consent from the patient.

The recording of the treatment session will be in safe-keeping by the examiners who managed the examination until the results of the examination have been finalized and will then be destroyed.

Your favourable consideration of this request will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

ADMINISTRATOR

GUIDELINES FOR VIRTUAL EXAMINATIONS

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restriction on movement and gatherings that prevent the normal administration of the Board Examinations, the Executive Committee of the Board for Occupational Therapy, Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics and Arts Therapy (OCP Board) resolved that the Arts Therapy and Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics 2020 Board Examinations would be Virtual examinations and would be conducted by the use of video-conferencing technology by panels appointed by the Board. These appear to have been very successful. The Board therefore proposes that examinations would also be held virtually for 2021 for Arts Therapy, Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics and Occupational Therapy.

The criteria, guidelines, protocols and process would be determined by the Examinations Committee.

1. THE EXAMINATION PANEL

At least one panel should be appointed for each category. Ideally, the panel should include the existing examiner, and Board members registered in the same category. A panel should include at least three people i.e., 2 examiners and 1 moderator

It is important that there is a shared understanding of the process and the criteria. The Education and Training Division is responsible for ensuring that the examinations follow the schedule and that the process complies with all the other requirements.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXAMINERS

The examiners should meet beforehand to refine the process as detailed in form 176 Annexure A to I.

The examiners roles are:

- To compile the theory examination
- To mark the theory and oral examination.
- Endeavour to redirect a candidate who has misunderstood the questions;
- To complete the rubric in the required time frame.

This is a high-stakes assessment that is likely to cause many candidates a great deal of anxiety, especially given language and power differences between the examiners and the candidates. Some candidates would have had many opportunities to undergo oral / virtual examinations while others have not. It is the responsibility of the examiners to try to put candidates at ease and to avoid interrogating candidates. The process of the examination should be conversational.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MODERATOR

The moderator should review the process as detailed in form 176 Annexure A to I.

Moderation is the process whereby the moderation process is checked and judged on the basis of the following aspects:

- Consistency and rigour;
- Compliance with Professional Board's examination policy,
- Processes and criteria; and
- Compliance with the assessment criteria.

The moderators' roles are:

- To introduce the candidate and examiners
- To outline the frame of the examination
- To review the theory paper
- To assess the fairness and consistency of the examiners marking rubrics
- To adjust the outcome depending on the fairness and consistency of the examiners marking.
- The moderator includes the average mark in the moderator's report

4. STRUCTURE OF THE EXAMINATION

The virtual examination should follow a consistent structure and the assessment of the candidates' performance should be based on clear criteria. Structure is concerned with how far the assessment follows a predetermined set of questions or sequence of events. Candidates need a predictable structure to allow them to plan for the

assessment and to reduce unnecessary anxiety, while a high degree of structure can also increase the reliability of the assessment.

The examination of the Professional Board will be conducted in **April** and **October** (for medical orthotist and prosthetist, examinations will only be offered in September/October) consists of the following:

All examinations must be recorded.

The Education, Training and Registration Committee will appoint moderators and examiners for each examination.

5. APPEALS AGAINST RESULTS

In the event that a Candidate appeals the results of the Board Examination they are legally entitled to have access to the outcome of their assessment, the marking template, and the comments by the examiners. A different examination panel will be asked to review the recording of the examination and or the theory paper and provide an assessment thereof with comments and recommendations regarding the outcome of the appeal.

The remark will cost 50% of the examination fee.

**DISABILITY ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE
APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION CONCESSION**

Please complete in detail, in legible handwriting with certification and verification by a registered healthcare professional. This form should accompany your application to write the Board examination if you have indicated that you have a disability. All information contained in this form will remain with the Professional Board for Occupational Therapy, Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics and Arts Therapy and will remain confidential.

A. Personal details of registered practitioner

Surname:.....Maiden name (if applicable).....
First names:..... Identity No.....
Postal address:.....Postal code:.....
Residential address:.....Postal code:.....
Tel (H): (W):.....Cell:.....
Fax:.....Email:.....
Marital Status:..... Gender.....Race:.....
Country of Origin:Registration Number.....
I,.....registration Number.....hereby
declare that the information stipulated in this document is true and confirmed.

Signed at.....dated.....of.....

B. Personal particulars of applicant

Surname:.....Maiden name (if applicable).....
First names:..... Identity No.....
Postal address:.....Postal code:.....
Residential address:.....Postal code:.....
Tel (H): (W):.....Cell:.....
Fax:.....Email:.....
Marital Status:..... Gender.....Race:.....
Country of Origin:Registration Number.....

C. THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF MY APPLICATION:

- A copy of identity document
- A copy of the medical report
- A copy of qualification

D. APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE PRACTITIONER/CANDIDATES

- The recommendation should be based on an appropriate medical examination or an occupational or psychological assessment and should justify the examination concession or concessions that are necessary to ensure that the examination is fair.
- Any recommendations by a medical practitioner, occupational therapist and/or psychologist submitted in

support of an application for any of the examination concessions should not be older than 30 months from the date of application.

- In the cases where the impairment is permanent and substantially disabling, the Professional Board may accept a recommendation made more than 30 months prior to the application date.
- The decision to grant a concession lies with the Professional Board alone and not with the medical practitioner, occupational therapist and/or psychologist who has made the assessment and recommendations that are submitted in support of the application.
- The Professional Board reserves the right to accept, reject or amend the recommendations of the medical practitioner, occupational therapist and/or psychologist. If necessary, the Examinations Committee may consult any healthcare practitioner for guidance without disclosing the identity of the candidate.
- Previous concessions from other institutions do not in themselves guarantee automatic concessions for the Board Examinations. Prior concessions, however, can be submitted in support of the application. Applicants are therefore advised to submit evidence of prior concessions along with other supporting documentation
- Candidates who apply for any of the examination concessions should write to HPCSA secretariat and attach all supporting documentation. Applications are to be submitted to by email to: educationandtraining@hpcsa.co.za.
- To ensure that the necessary practical arrangements can be made in time, a request for one or more of the stipulated concessions should normally be made to the Professional Board three months prior to the candidate's intended Board Examination date.
- Granted concessions will apply for as long as the candidate is eligible to write the Board Examinations.

E. CONDITIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AS GROUNDS FOR GRANTING OF EXAMINATION CONCESSIONS

- Conditions where there is unlikely to be any substantial impairment of examination performance as a result of the condition or the side-effect of prescribed medication to treat the condition.
- Conditions that normally respond well to medication, such as epilepsy, attention deficit disorder, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, unless the examination concession is recommended by a medical practitioner based on a medical assessment that has determined that the prescribed medication is not providing the expected relief or remedy.
- Poor handwriting. However, if the candidate presents with a diagnosed physical or neurological disorder that negatively impacts on their handwriting, an application for extra time and/or a concession to use a laptop computer will be considered, provided that such application is accompanied by the written recommendation of an occupational therapist, neurologist, or other appropriate medical practitioner.

Washington Group	Category of Disability	Level of function
Sensory Disability	Blind	No function
	Partially- sighted	Functional vision with limitations that may be reduced using electronic or manual low-vision devices. (Vision cannot be fully corrected through the use of prescriptive lenses)
	Deaf (capital D)	Little or no hearing: generally, makes use of South African Sign Languages (SASL) and typically subscribes to Deaf Culture.
	Deaf (lower case d)	Little or no hearing, do not make use of Sign Language as a medium of communication makes use of various means such as speech, speech reading/cochlear implants or a combination of these. Aligns with impairment/disability and the hearing world.
	Hearing Impaired	None, little or some hearing: generally, makes use of appropriate hearing technology e.g. cochlear implants, Hearing Aids, and other assistive listening/living devices and typically uses verbal communication. Align themselves with impairment and the hearing world.
	Hard of Hearing	Persons with different degrees of hearing loss, who do not align with impairment and disability.
	Deaf- Blind	No functional vision and no hearing
Specific Learning / Developmental Disability	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	Intellectual Disabilities Communication Disabilities, Language and Speech Disability (e.g., stuttering), Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Specific

		Learning Disabilities.
Psychosocial / Psychiatric Disabilities	Psychosocial Disability	Such as depression, Schizophrenia
Physical Disability	Physical Disability	Loss of a limb or makes use of crutches, wheelchair User, Person with Cerebral Palsy
	Chronic illness	A long-standing medical condition /illness that affects daily functioning. Such as Chronic Heart Condition, Chronic Diabetes Cancer.
Any disability not mentioned above	Give details	Any disability not mentioned above
Physical Disability of a Temporary Nature	Temporary Disability: disability not longer than 6 months	Physical Disability of a Temporary Nature

TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION

A. ADDITIONAL TIME

The amount of additional time granted per category of impairment is as follows:

Impairment	Additional Time that may be made available
Physical Disability/Repetitive Strain Injury	5 to 10 minutes per hour to accommodate slower writing speed.
Chronic Pain	15 minutes per hour for standing and/or moving around.
Vision Impairment	Double time for practitioners/candidates who are blind, and time and a half for learners who have low vision.
Hearing Loss	20 minutes per hour for perusal/ formulating/ writing/ checking answers.
Any other disability not identified in the above list	May use the above-mentioned time allocation, not exceeding 20 minutes per hour.

- At the discretion of the Professional Board, practitioners/candidates with impairments and disabilities that prevents the completion of tasks/examinations within the standard time allocate, may be granted extra time. This barrier could be a slow handwriting speed or a processing difficulty, for example.
- Candidates/practitioners who have been granted additional time must be seated in a specific area of the examination venue according to the amount of extra time they have and where they will not be disrupted when the rest of the cohort exit an examination.
- The amount of extra time per hour that each practitioner/candidate has been granted should be indicated on a sticker affixed to the relevant desk.
- Practitioners/candidates given extra time must be informed as to their specific finish times and be given the appropriate time warnings as the end of the examination approaches.
- Practitioners/candidates who have been granted extra time need not make use of the full extra time, but they must remain in the exam room for the standard time set for the paper.
- The additional time must be provided in all papers that the practitioner/candidate would be writing.
- The practitioner/candidate is entitled to have a rest break, should it be required/requested, if the addition of the extra time makes the exam session longer than 3 hours.

B. USE OF A READER

- Readers shall be appointed by the Professional Board. It is advisable to use the same reader throughout the candidate's examinations.

- A reader is appointed to read, as directed by the practitioner/candidate, a) any part of the examination paper and b) any part of the practitioner/candidate's answers. Text may only be re-read at the request of the practitioner/candidate.
- The reader must be always neutral and impartial.
- Practitioners/candidates receiving the accommodation of a reader must work in room which meets the minimum requirements to be approved as an examination venue, (Disruptions such as noise, movement, etc.).
- The examination session is to be video recorded, and the recordings must be submitted with the examination papers.
- There must be a Board appointed invigilator in addition to the reader.
- The practitioner/candidate and the reader must each receive a copy of the question paper.
- A rest break not exceeding 10 minutes after three hours may be considered and a 5-minute rest break for every hour exceeding a two-hour paper.
- The following instructions should be read to the candidate at the beginning of each examination: "You must tell me what to read. I may not explain any word or question. When you have finished answering a question you must tell me what to read next. If you want me to read what you have written, you must tell me to do so."

C. USE OF A COMPUTER

- A computer is used if a practitioner/candidate has writing that is illegible, a very slow speed when writing by hand, or some other difficulty that makes handwriting not viable.
- Computers utilized for examination purposes must be correctly disabled for the duration of the entire examination's session.
- Standard formatting is permissible, but the computer may not contain any stored information.
- Predictive text software, Grammar Check, Spell Check, a thesaurus and a dictionary must also be disabled.
- Practitioners/candidates may use an answer booklet for rough work and to answer some questions that are not well-suited to typed responses.
- An invigilator must be present in the computer room.
- The practitioner/candidate must type his/her examination number at the top of each page of typing.
- At the end of the examination the practitioner/candidate's work must be printed out and the learner must verify that it is his/her work. Access to a printer is therefore essential.
- If a computer is a viable option, it could be used instead of a scribe.
- This would expand the number of learners who can write in one room. In addition, the use of a computer promotes learner independence.
- The evaluation for determining granting of the accommodation of the use of a computer must consider issues such as writing versus typing speed.
- In case of power cuts, a scribe must be used.

D. USE OF A SCRIBE

A practitioner/candidate may be granted the use of a scribe, appointed by the professional Board if his/her writing speed is very slow, if the writing is illegible or if the use of a computer is not an option.

- A scribe shall be appointed to write the candidate's answers to questions verbatim.
- The writing must be legible, and the spelling correct. The scribe may only communicate with the candidate to request that an answer be repeated.
- It is advisable to use the same scribe throughout the candidate's examinations. It is advisable to use the same scribe throughout the candidate's examinations.
- A scribe may only scribe for one candidate at a time.
- Each practitioner/candidate receiving the accommodation of a scribe must work in a separate venue.
- The use of a separate venue requires a continuous recording to be made of each examination.
- These recordings must be submitted with the examination papers.
- There must be an invigilator in addition to the scribe.
- The practitioner/candidate and the scribe must each receive a copy of the question paper. The practitioner/candidate may be allowed to plan answers prior to dictation and the planning may be scribed. The examination booklet must be submitted at the end of the examination. Work that should not be marked must be clearly indicated.
- It is preferable that the practitioner/candidate should draw and label any diagrams required. If the impairment or disability makes this not feasible, then the scribe should perform exactly as directed by the learner.
- Practitioners/candidates who make use of a scribe may also apply for additional time.
- The following instructions should be read to the candidate at the beginning of each examination: "When you are ready you must tell me what to write. You must indicate capital letters, punctuation, and the beginning of new paragraphs. I will write down exactly what you dictate to me. You may read over what I have written and request that I make changes, if you so wish, and if there is time to do so."

E. BREAK CONCESSION

- A rest break not exceeding 20 minutes after two hours may be considered and a 10-minute rest break for every hour exceeding a two-hour paper.

F. SEPARATE VENUE

- A separate venue is a quiet environment away from the main examination center and must meet the minimum requirements to be approved as an examination venue. It must have its own invigilator.
- The use of a separate venue is to prevent possible disturbance of others by the learner concerned.
- If the use of the separate venue will involve talking (such as for to a scribe or reader) only one practitioner/candidate may be in each separate venue.
- If a separate venue is needed for the use of computers, or for learners with anxiety disorders, then 3 or 4 candidates may be in one venue.

G. DIGITAL RECORDER, VIDEO RECORDER, WEB-CAM

- A recording of the entire examination proceedings must be made whenever a separate venue is utilized. This recording must be submitted with the examination script.
- The recording device must be tested prior to its use in each examination.

- The examination proceedings must be recorded by the invigilator on a digital recording device.

H. LARGE PRINT MATERIAL

- Enlarged examination papers must be provided for candidates with visual impairments.
- The specific font size required will be determined by the nature of the visual impairment. Such papers can be provided in hard copy or in electronic format.
- The optician/ophthalmologist should recommend the specific font or screen interface that each individual learner requires.
- Practitioner/candidate with visual impairment receive additional time as stipulated in the table above.
- Learners with visual impairment may also be eligible to receive any of the other accommodations, e.g., use of a reader, scribe.

I. ANY OTHER ACCOMMODATION

As deemed suitable by the Professional Boards

REFERENCES

- Strategic Policy Framework on disability for the post-School education and training system, March 2018, Department of Higher Education.
- Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act, Act 4 of 2000, Section 29(2)(8)
- White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- White Paper on an Integrated National Disability Strategy.
- Education White Paper 3: A Programme for transformation of higher education (1997), Department of Education.
- Quality Education for All, Report of the National Commission on Special Needs in Education and Training (1998), Department of Education.
- National Plan for Higher Education (2001), Department of Education.
- Education White Paper 6: Special Needs Education (2001), Department of Education.
- Draft framework and guidelines to accommodate students with disabilities in Technical and Vocational Education and Training Colleges
- Draft procedural manual for the assessment of learners who experience barriers to assessment from Grade R To 12.
- University of Pretoria Policy on Examinations and related matters

FRAUD DISHONESTY AND OTHER MISCONDUCT

If it shall appear to the Board that there is credible evidence which would establish that the candidate has:

1. Either by omission or commission falsified the application or proof required for admission to the Board Examination or misrepresented the applicant's eligibility to sit for the Board Examination;
2. Either by omission or commission falsified documentation submitted in support of a special request or served such documentation under false pretences;
3. Brought unauthorised items or materials into the Examination room or otherwise violated the Board's Examination security policy;
4. Opened a question paper or reviewed the questions prior to the announcement that the examination has begun, or otherwise violated any of the oral or written instructions given by the invigilators in connection with the administration of the Board Examination;
5. Possessed in any manner, reviewed and/ or utilised any authorised notes, books, recordings, electronically retrievable data or other unauthorised materials during the Board Examinations;
6. Written or designated any answers to questions on the Board Examination prior to the announcement of the beginning of the examination session or written any answers or other information on the answer sheet after the announcement of conclusion of the session;
7. Sought copied or used answers or information from or given answers or information to other candidate during the Board Examination;
8. Removed any examination materials or notes made during the examination from the examination room;
9. Memorised questions for the purpose of reporting and or reported the substance of questions to any person associated with any person or organization engaged in the preparation of the applicants to take the Board Examination or otherwise violated the upright protection to the Board Examination materials;
10. Engaged in fraud, dishonesty in connection with the administration of the Board Examination;
11. Sat for the Board Examination without having a Bona Fide intention to seek registration to practice in South Africa; or
12. Compromised or disrupted the process for admission to or administration of the Board Examination;
13. The Board shall serve written charges to such candidates by mail at the last address provided to the Board by the candidate, stating with particularity the facts upon which such charges are based.
 - a. The candidates' results shall be withheld pending at determination of the severity of the charges by the Board.
 - b. The candidates shall within a period of 30 days after service of the charges be granted an opportunity to respond to such charges. Such a response shall identify the specific charges disputed by the candidate, who shall set forth any evidence which can be adduced by the candidate in the contradiction of such charges. The applicant may include in such written response a request that a hearing be held.
 - c. In the event of the candidate not submitting a written response, the Board shall deem the facts presented in the written charges to be true.
 - d. In the event of the candidate not requesting a hearing and the Board does not on its own accord determine to conduct a hearing, the Board shall decide based on the evidence submitted.
 - e. The Board shall have the authority to determine a sanction to be applied based on the severity of the allegations/ offences and inform the candidate accordingly.
 - f. Sanctions to be applied by the Board may include but not limited to:
 - i. Nullification of the Examination taken by the candidate

- ii. Disqualification of the candidate from sitting for another examination for a period not exceeding five years from the date of such determination.
- iii. Invalidation or striking of one or more answers of the examination taken by the candidate, or reduction of the candidates final score by one or more points.
- iv. The Board shall notify the candidate of its decision in writing within a period of 30 days from the date of the hearing of the charges.
- v. The candidate shall be entitled to representation by an Attorney at his or he own expense at every stage of the proceedings.