

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT 56 of 1974)

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF
DENTAL ASSISTANTS: AMENDMENT**

The Minister of Health intends, under section 61(5) read with sections 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and after consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, to amend the regulations promulgated as Government Notice No. R. 338 of 15 April 2005 as amended by Government Notice No. R. 580 of 30 May 2008 as reflected in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed amendments to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Stakeholder Relations and Management), within three months from date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this schedule, "**the regulations**" means regulations relating to the qualifications for registration of dental assistants as published under Government Notice No.R.338 of 15 April 2005 as amended by Government Notice No. R.580 of 30 May 2008, and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the regulations shall have that meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates.

Amendment of Regulation 2 of the regulations.

2. Regulation 2 of the regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for sub-regulation (2) of the following sub-regulation:-

"(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these regulations, any person who worked as a dental assistant, prior to date of publication of these

amendment regulations, for a minimum period of five years without being registered as such may apply to the board for registration as a dental assistant, and the board may at its discretion exempt such person from the requirements of sub-regulation(1): Provided that no person shall qualify for this exemption after six (6) months from date of publication of these amendment regulations."



MINISTER OF HEALTH

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