

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

## REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF STUDENT EMERGENCY CARE TECHNICIANS AND STUDENT EMERGENCY CARE PRACTITIONERS

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The Minister of Health has, under [section 61](#)(1){a) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

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#### 1. Definitions

In these regulations “**the Act**” means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates -

“**accredited educational institution**” means an educational institution which has been granted recognition and approval by the board following an evaluation process as determined by the board;

“**board**” means the Professional Board for Emergency Care Practitioners established in terms of [section 15](#) (1) of the Act;

“**section**” means a section of the Act;

“**student in emergency care technology**” means a person registered as such under the Act; and

“**student in emergency medical care**” means a person registered as such under the Act.

#### 2. Registration of students in emergency care technology and emergency medical care

- (1) A student at an accredited educational institution must submit an application to the registrar for registration as student in emergency care technology or emergency medical care on a form provided for that purpose by the board and in accordance with the provisions of sub- regulation (2), and-

- (a) in the case of a student enrolling at an accredited educational institution in his/her first year of study, within four months following such enrolment; or
  - (b) in the case of a student who, on the date of final publication of these regulations in the Government Gazette, has already enrolled at such educational institution, within four months from date of publication of these regulations.
- (2) An application for registration as a student in emergency care technology or emergency medical care shall be accompanied by-
- (a) such student's identity document or birth certificate or, if the student is unable to furnish either of these documents, such other proof of his or her age and correct names as may be acceptable to the registrar;
  - (b) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced study in a subject or subjects in an approved educational institution, which certificate shall specify the year of study and the date on which the student enrolled; and
  - (c) the prescribed registration fee.
- (3) An application for registration as a student in emergency care technology or emergency medical care by a visiting student from a country other than South Africa who has been admitted to an accredited educational institution for non-degree purposes for a period not exceeding one academic year, shall be accompanied by-
- (a) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced such study;
  - (b) proof of registration as a student in emergency care technology or emergency medical care by a recognised registering authority in a country or state other than South Africa; and
  - (c) the prescribed registration fee.
- (4) A student in emergency care technology who wishes to be registered as a student in emergency medical care or vice versa, shall submit an application for registration as such within four months of commencing study at an accredited educational institution.
- (5) An application referred to in subregulation (4) shall be accompanied by-
- (a) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced such study;
  - (b) the original registration certificate as a student in emergency care technology or student in emergency medical care issued by the registrar; and

- (c) the prescribed registration fee.
- (6) A student in emergency care technology or emergency medical care who resumes his or her studies after interrupting them for at least one year, shall submit an application for re registration within four months of resuming such study.
- (7) An application referred to in subregulation (6) shall be accompanied by a certificate to prove that such student has resumed such study;  
  
the original certificate of registration issued by the registrar; and the prescribed registration fee.
- (8) Subject to the provisions of regulation 3(3), the name of a student in emergency care technology or emergency medical care who interrupted his or her studies for more than one year, but who indicates annually in writing of his or her intention to continue with his or her studies, may not be removed from the register.
- (9) A student registered with the council as a student in emergency care technology or emergency medical care who discontinued his or her studies and whose name was consequently removed from the register of either students in emergency care technology or emergency medical care, and who applies for registration as a student in either course of study, shall submit an application to be registered as such within four months of commencing his or her study in either such course of study.
- (10) An application referred to in subregulation (9) shall be accompanied by
  - (a) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced such study;
  - (b) the original registration certificate as a student in emergency care technology or emergency medical care as the case may be, issued by the registrar; and
  - (c) the prescribed registration fee.
- (11) A student who applies for registration in terms of subregulations (4), (6), or (9) and who is unable to submit the original registration certificate, shall apply for a certified extract from the register, for which the prescribed fee shall be payable.
- (12) An application, together with the applicable documents and fees referred to in subregulations (2), (3), (5), (7) or (9), submitted after the period of four months stated in sub-regulations (1), (4), (6) and (9), as the case may be, shall be subject to the prescribed penalty fee for late registration in respect of each month or portion of a month for which it is submitted after the due date.
- (13) No student shall be registered or re-registered as a student in emergency care technology or emergency medical care unless he or she has complied in all respects

with the requirements of subregulations (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) or (10) as the case may be, and those of sub-regulation (12), where applicable.

- (14) The registrar shall furnish a student registered as a student in emergency care technology or emergency medical care with a registration certificate.
- (15) Should a student in emergency care technology or emergency medical care change from one educational institution to another during the course of his or her study, the board must be advised within four months of such change.

### **3. Information to be submitted to the board**

- (1) An accredited educational institution in South Africa, shall submit to the board on or before 31 May of each year -
  - (a) a list of all students in emergency care technology or emergency medical care enrolled for that year; and
  - (b) a list of all students in emergency care technology or emergency medical care who have discontinued their studies during the preceding year.
- (2) The lists referred to in subregulation (1) shall include the students' full names, the year of study and, where applicable, the date of discontinuation of study.
- (3) Together with the lists referred to in subregulation (1), an approved educational institution shall submit -
  - (a) a list of students in emergency care technology or emergency medical care who discontinued their studies temporarily during the preceding twelve months, specifying the reasons for such discontinuation and the date on which the students concerned are expected to resume their studies; and
  - (b) a list of students who resumed their studies during the preceding twelve months after temporarily discontinuing such studies.
- (4) The name of a student in emergency care technology or emergency medical care shall be removed from the register of students as soon as he or she has been registered as an intern emergency care technician or intern emergency care practitioner or as soon as the registrar receives proof that such student has discontinued his or her studies in South Africa.

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