

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS

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In terms of [section 32](#) (1) read with [section 61](#) (4) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act No.56 of 1974), the South African Medical and Dental Council made the rules set out in the Schedule hereto in substitution for the rules published under Board Notice 61 of 1991, as amended.

SCHEDULE

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS

1. The council may register as a medical technologist in one or more of the following categories, namely:

Blood transfusion Technology;
Chemical Pathology;
Clinical Pathology;
Cytogenetics;
Cytotechnology;
Forensic Pathology;
Haematology;
Histopathological Technique;
Immunology;
Microbiology;
Parasitology*;
Pharmacology;
Radio-isotope Technology*;
Virology;

any person who satisfies the council that he complies with the requirements set out in subrules (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this rule.

*Recognised only if obtained prior to 31 December 1993.

(1) He shall hold one of the following qualifications in medical technology:

Examining authority and qualification
Abbreviation for registration

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Department of Bantu Education

National Diploma in Medical Laboratory
Technology

Nat Dip Med Lab Tech (SA)

Department of Coloured, Rehoboth and Nama Relations
National Diploma in Medical Laboratory
Technology

Nat Dip Med Lab Tech (SA)

Department of Education and Culture-
National Diploma in Medical Technology
Tech (SA)

Nat Dip Med

Department of National Education
National Diploma in Medical
Laboratory Technology
Nat Dip Med Lab Tech (SA)

Cape Technikon
National Diploma: Biomedical Technology
ND:Biomedical Technology Cape Technikon

Technikon Mangosuthu
National Diploma: Biomedical Technology
ND:Biomedical Technology Technikon Mangosuthu

M L Sultan Technikon
National Diploma: Biomedical Technology
ND:Biomedical Technology M L Sultan Technology

Technikon Northern Transvaal
National Diploma: Biomedical Technology
ND:Biomedical Technology Technikon Northern Transvaal

Technikon OFS
National Diploma: Biomedical Technology
ND:Biomedical Technology Technikon OFS

Pensinsula Technikon
National Diploma: Biomedical Technology
ND:Biomedical Technology Peninsula Technikon

Port Elizabeth Technikon
National Diploma: Biomedical Technology
ND:Biomedical Technology Port Elizabeth Technikon

Technikon Pretoria
National Diploma: Biomedical Technology
ND:Biomedical Technology Technikon Pretoria

Vaal Triangle Technikon
National Diploma: Biomedical Technology
ND:Biomedical Technology Technikon Vaal Triangle

Technikon Witwatersrand
National Diploma: Biomedical Technology
ND:Biomedical Technology Technikon Witwatersrand

University of the North
Bachelor of Science in Pathology§
BSc (Path) North

AUSTRALIA

Royal Melbourne Institute for Technology
Associateship Diploma for Medical
Laboratory Technique§
A Dip MIT R Melbourne IT

Western Australia Institute for Technology
Bachelor in Medical Technique§
B Med Tech W Australia IT

New South Wales Institute of Technology
Bachelor of Applied Science§
B Appl Sc New South Wales IT

CANADA

University of Saskatchewan -
Bachelor of Laboratory Technology§
BLT Saskatchewan

THE NETHERLANDS

“Koninklijke Nederlandse Chemiese Vereniging”
“Diploma van Analyst” §
Dip Analyst Nederlandse Chem Assoc

Stichting Adviescentrum Laboratoriumopleidingen
Hoger Beroepsonderwijsdiploma§
HBO SAL Netherlands

Dip

Laboratorium School Emmen
Diploma Hoger Beroepsonderwijs§
Dip HBO Emmen

NEW ZEALAND

Medical Laboratory Technologists Board
Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology§
Tech New Zealand
Dip Med Lab

SCOTLAND

Glasgow College of Technology, Scotland-
Higher National Certificate in Medical
Laboratory Technology§
(MLT) Scotland.
HNC

UNITED KINGDOM

Business and Technician Education Council, London-
Higher National Diploma§
Business and Technician Education Council, London.
HND

Institute of Medical Laboratory Sciences, London-
Associate§
AIMLS
Fellow§
FIMLS

Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology, London-
Associate§
AIMLT
Fellow§
FIMLT

*Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology, Royal College of Pathologists, Department
of Education and Science-*
Higher National Certificate in Medical
Laboratory Subjects§
United Kingdom.
HNC (MLS)

ZIMBABWE

Medical Council of Rhodesia
Final Medical Laboratory Technology
Certificate§
Med Lab Tech Cert Rhodesia

University of Rhodesia
Diploma in Medical Technology§
Dip Mod Tech Rhodesia

University of Zimbabwe
Diploma in General Medical Laboratory
Technology§§

Dip Gen Mad Lab Tech Zimbabwe

Specialist Diploma in Medical
Laboratory Technology§§Specialist
Dip Mad Lab Tech Zimbabwe

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- (2) He shall have completed a structured practical training in an approved laboratory for a further period of at least 12 months as prescribed by the Professional Board for Medical Technology and the Council.
- (3) He shall have passed an examination recognised by the Professional Board for Medical Technology and the Council for registration purposes.
- (4) No person shall be eligible for registration as a medical technologist until a period of four years shall have elapsed since the date of his registration as a student medical technologist.

Note to rule 1

1. Any person who qualifies for registration in one or more of the categories listed in rule 1 above shall be registered on the register of medical technologists and the category or categories in which he is qualified shall be indicated after his name on the said register and on the certificate of registration issued to him.

2. The council may register as a medical technologist any person who has passed an examination in medical technology conducted by the council in terms of [section 32](#) of the Act.

3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these rules the Professional Board and Council may register as a medical technologist any person who has not fully complied with these rules, if the Professional Board and the Council, after due inquiry, is satisfied that such person is competent to practice as a Medical Technologist.