

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH REGISTERED ORTHOPTISTS MAY PRACTICE THEIR PROFESSION

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The Minister of Health, on the recommendation of the South African Medical and Dental Council, hereby makes the following regulations in terms of [section 61](#) (1) (m) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), in substitution for the rules published under Government Notice R. 1715, dated 30 October 1964..

1. A registered orthoptist shall not-
 - (1) undertake any orthoptic (or optometric) work for any person except under the direction and control of a registered medical practitioner;
 - (2) apply medicines or surgery in the treatment of any person;
 - (3) except as hereinafter provided, for the purpose of obtaining patients or work or of promoting his own professional interests-
 - (a) directly or indirectly advertise himself in any manner;
 - (b) procure, sanction or acquiesce in the publication of matter commending or directing attention to his professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications or deprecating the professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications of any other registered person;
 - (c) personally solicit business from house to house or employ hawkers or canvassers;
 - (d) advertise in such manner as in the opinion of the council may reflect adversely on the credit of his own profession, or lead the public to believe he is a medical practitioner or a specialist in ophthalmology or diseases of the eye:

Provided that he shall be at liberty-

- (a) to advertise in the recognised medical and technical publications;
- (b) to affix a door-plate not exceeding 360 mm by 210 mm in size at his place of residence or rooms, showing his name and qualifications in such manner as may be permitted by the council;

(c) to call upon, circularise or write to registered medical practitioners, medical institutions or hospitals.

2. Any registered orthoptist contravening or failing to comply with any of the above regulations shall be liable to a fine not exceeding R50.