



Form 189A

**HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA**  
**CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE: ORAL HYGIENIST**  
**APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION IN THE CATEGORY: INDEPENDENT PRACTICE**  
**FOR PRACTITIONERS WHO OBTAINED A QUALIFICATION AFTER 2001**

This duly completed application must be forwarded or delivered to:  
 The Registrar, P O Box 205, Pretoria, 0001 / 553 Madiba Street, Arcadia, Pretoria 0083

Registration Number:  
 OH: .....  
 Date Qualification Obtained:  
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PERSONAL INFORMATION OF APPLICANT

Title: ..... Initials & Surname.....

Postal Address: .....

Tel No: ..... Fax No: ..... E-mail: ..... Cell No: .....

Name of Hospital(s) / Clinic(s):	Address

I/we the undersigned Dentist(s), Dental Therapist(s) and Oral Hygienist(s) of the abovementioned Hospital(s), clinics and private practice(s) hereby certify that:

.....  
 (Name of applicant) practiced in accordance with the ethical rules published as Government Notice No. R.717 of 04 August 2006, in the Oral Health Section of this Institution(s) for the periods specified, and that during these periods he/she was professionally competent.

- NOTE:**
- (i) If the certificate is qualified to the effect that the service of the Oral Hygienist was not satisfactory, a detailed statement should be submitted by the Dental Head and/or the Superintendent of the Hospital(s)/Clinic(s) or supervisor in the case of a practice as to the reasons why the service is considered unsatisfactory.
  - (ii) In order to register in the category "independent practice", the applicant must be registered with the HPCSA in the category "supervised practice" and have worked under supervision of a dentist, dental specialist, dental therapist or oral hygienist who is registered with the HPCSA for at least 1 year (uninterrupted registration) and the oral hygienist must be registered in the category "independent practice" in order to supervise.

		Period		Name of Dentist/Dental Therapist/Oral Hygienist	Signature and Date	Tel No	OFFICIAL STAMP
		From	To				
1.	Supervised practice in Oral Hygiene						
2.	Leave Taken						
2.1	Ordinary Leave						
2.2	Sick Leave						

## **CONDITIONS TO REGISTER IN THE CATEGORY INDEPENDENT PRACTICE (REGULATIONS NO R.800 OF 17 OCTOBER 2013)**

A registered Oral Hygienist may only practice independently, his or her profession:

- i. After registering a qualification in Oral Hygiene approved by the Board and serving a period of at least one year under supervision of a registered dentist, dental therapist or another oral hygienist.
- ii. The supervisor must be registered with the HPCSA for at least one (1) year in the category independent practice (uninterrupted).
- iii. If the Oral Hygiene qualification was obtained prior to 2001, must have also obtained a further qualification in expanded clinical functions in Oral Hygiene offered by any of the examining authorities approved by the Board AND
- iv. After successfully completing of -
  - a. First Aid Level 3 accredited by the Health and Welfare Sector Education and Training Authority (HWSETA) training and approved by any SAQA).
  - b. First Aid Level 3 accredited and obtained from the Department of Labour.
  - c. A 50-hour First Aid Course accredited by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO).
- v. An original form 189 A bearing the official stamp of the employer/supervisor is acceptable for registration.

An original certificate issued by a recognized provider of first aid must be submitted together with the application form (Form 189A). A copy of the certificate will be accepted only if it is notarised by a **NOTARY PUBLIC** i.e., an attorney in his/her capacity as a Notary Public and bearing the stamp

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- i. The first aid level 3 certificates obtained after the 4th of July 2021 will not be recognised for registration as per the amended Occupational Health and Safety Act OHS Act published in the Government Gazette on 4 June that First Aid Level 1, 2 and 3 no longer exists as from 1 April 2021.
- ii. The period of validity for first aid courses remains three years, after which one would need to be recertified.