

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS, SPEECH THERAPISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS, AND AUDIOLOGISTS

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The South African Medical and Dental Council hereby makes the following rules in terms of [section 32](#)(1) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), in substitution for the rules published under Government Notice R2333 of 3 December 1976:

1. The council may register as a speech therapist or as a speech therapist and audiologist or as an audiologist, any applicant who has obtained after examination any of the following qualifications

SPEECH THERAPIST

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Examining authority and qualification	Abbreviation for registration
<i>University of Pretoria</i> Bachelor of Arts in Logopaedics*	BA (Log) Pret
<i>University of the Witwatersrand</i> Bachelor of Arts in Logopaedics* Diploma in Logopaedics	BA (Log) Witwatersrand Dip (Log) Witwatersrand

AUSTRALIA

<i>Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences</i> Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology)	B Appl Sc (Speech Pathology) Lincoln Institute
<i>University of Queensland</i> Bachelor of Speech Therapy	B Sp Ther Queensland

Western Australian Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Applied Science in Speech and
Hearing Science

B Appl Sc (Sp & H Science)
W Austr Inst Tech

BELGIUM

Katholieke Vlaamse Hogeschool Leuven

Diploma in De Logopedie

Dip Log Leuven

IRELAND

University of Dublin

Bachelor of Arts Remedial Linguistics

BA Rem Linguistics Dublin

UNITED KINGDOM

College of Speech Therapists, London

Licentiate

LCST

University of Manchester

Honours Bachelor of Science in Speech
Pathology and Therapy

BSc (Hons) Sp Pathology and
Therapy Manchester

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Speech and Hearing Association

Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech
Pathology

CCC Sp ASHA

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-
Language Pathology

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SPEECH THERAPIST AND AUDIOLOGIST

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

University of Cape Town

Bachelor of Science in Logopaedics

BSc (Log) Cape Town

University of Durban-Westville

Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Therapy

B (Sp & H Therapy)
Durban-Westville

University of Pretoria

Bachelor in Logopaedics B Log Pret
Bachelor of Arts in Logopaedics BA (Log) Pret

University of the Witwatersrand

Bachelor of Arts in Logopaedics BA Log Witwatersrand
Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing BA (Sp & H Therapy)
Therapy Witwatersrand

University of Stellenbosch

Bachelor in Speech Therapy and Audiology B (Sp & A) Stellenbosch

ISRAEL

School for Communication Disorders, Speech and Hearing, Tel Aviv University

Bachelor of Arts BA Tel Aviv

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Speech and Hearing Association

Certificates of Clinical Competence in
Speech Pathology and Audiology CCC Sp and Aud ASHA

AUDIOLOGIST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Speech and Hearing Association

Certificate of Clinical Competence in
Audiology CCC Aud ASHA

University of Texas, Dallas

Master of Science (Communication
Disorders)† MSc (Communication
Disorders), Texas, Dallas

* If obtained before 1965.
If obtained subsequent to 1964.

If the applicant also holds a master's degree in speech pathology and/or speech therapy and/or audiology from a university in the United States of America which is accredited as a training institution by the American Speech and Hearing Association.

† This qualification must be accompanied by the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association.

Notes.-

- (1) These qualifications shall include a minimum of three years of study in specialised fields under recognised authorities in an approved department at any approved university or institution as decided by the council:
 - (a) courses shall include detailed instruction in the manifestations, classifications and causes of, and in evaluative procedures (including instrumentation for these) and therapeutic procedures for the various types of communication disorders affecting speech, voice, hearing and language, in children and adults;
 - (b) instruction shall also include courses in anatomy, physiology, pathology, genetics, and neurology of speech, voice, language and hearing mechanisms; phonetics and applied phonetics and applied psycholinguistics; normal speech and language development, normal and abnormal psychology covering theories of learning and behaviour, sensory processes, perception, child developmental psychology, forms of aberrant behaviour, etc;
 - (c) in the case of speech therapists, some courses must include the nature of hearing problems in children and adults, the effects of these on speech and language and the principles of therapeutic procedures;
 - (d) in the case of audiologists, courses must include detailed instruction in the auditory pathway, pathologies which can occur, assessment of auditory disorders including electro-acoustic instrumentation, habilitation and rehabilitation procedures, conservation of speech, speech reading auditory training, selection and use of amplification and industrial audiology; in addition, courses included in (b) above.

A working knowledge of topics covered in (a) above is also required;

- (e) for speech therapists, speech therapists and audiologists, or audiologists, sufficient and adequate supervised observation, assessment and therapeutic clinical practicums must be conducted covering the various communication disorders;
 - (f) in the case of applicants for registration from non-English speaking countries, the results of a language proficiency test in Afrikaans or English must be forwarded to the council by an authoritative institution.
- (2) It shall be indicated on the register and on the certificate of registration issued to an applicant whether such applicant is qualified and entitled to practise speech therapy or speech therapy and audiology or audiology only.
- (3) Persons who were registered as speech therapists under the provisions of Government Notice 2199 dated 21 October 1949, as amended, or under the provisions of Government Notice R1728 dated 30 October 1964, as amended, shall

be deemed to be registered under these rules as speech therapists and audiologists,
and to be qualified and entitled to practise speech therapy and audiology.

[Rule 1 amended by GN R1044/78, GN R761/82, Gen N 532/84, GN R148/86, BN 16/87, BN 64/88, BN 70/90 and
BN 345/92]

2. Where, in the case of an application for registration, the qualification on which the application is based, has not already been approved by the council, the applicant shall be required to furnish the Professional Board for Speech Therapy and Audiology and the council with authoritative information as to the training required for such qualification, whereupon, if the standard of such training is considered satisfactory by the council, such qualification may be approved.