

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF INTERN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS

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The Minister of Health has, in terms of [section 61](#)(1) read with [section 24](#) 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 any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates -

“**board**” means the Professional Board for Medical Technology established under [section 15](#) of the Act;

“**internship**” means a one-year period of training in a medical technology facility approved or accredited by the board; and

“**the Act**” means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974).

2. Requirements for registration as intern

An applicant for registration as an intern-medical technologist shall submit to the registrar -

- (a) proof that he or she holds a qualification recognised for this purpose by the board;
- (b) proof of having completed education and training as a registered student-medical technologist for a minimum period of three years;
- (c) a formal application for registration as intern-medical technologist; and
- (d) the prescribed registration fee.

3. Notification to Registrar

An intern-medical technologist shall, as soon as he or she has assumed duty as an intern-medical technologist in a laboratory, notify the registrar of that fact, furnishing the name of the laboratory and the department in which he or she has assumed duty and shall also notify the registrar beforehand if he or she intends to change from the recorded place of his or her service or training to another laboratory

4. Duration of internship training

- (1) The training to be undertaken by an intern-medical technologist shall be-
 - (a) for a period of not less than one year, and where the training is interrupted, the training shall consist of periods not less than one month which, when added together, are not less than one calendar year in total, including leave not exceeding one month's duration;
 - (b) in a laboratory accredited for this purpose by the board: Provided that in the event of an internship not being available in an accredited or approved laboratory, the board may, in its discretion, approve alternative training which is equivalent to the training in a laboratory accredited or approved by the board, and the board may, in recognising such alternative training, stipulate that only a specific part of an intern-medical technologist's training shall be undertaken in that manner, and that the balance of the internship shall be undertaken in an accredited laboratory; and
 - (c) shall be approved by the board and be subject to evaluation by the board prior to the commencement of such training.
- (2) The professional board may at any time withdraw approval or accreditation of training if such training is considered inadequate or unsatisfactory, and require that alternative training be undertaken at another facility for a specified period.

5. Validation of registration as intern medical technologist

Registration as an intern-medical technologist shall be valid for a period not exceeding three years, unless the board approves an application for the extension thereof based on exceptional circumstances.

6. Proof of internship training for registration as medical technologist

An intern-medical technologist shall provide a certificate of internship training to the satisfaction of the board that he or she has duly undertaken training contemplated in regulation 4 before he or she can be registered as a medical technologist.

(Signed)

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