

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROFESSION OF MEDICAL ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS

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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 33](#) (1) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974):

1. The following acts are hereby specified as acts which shall for the purposes of the Act be deemed to be acts pertaining to the profession medical orthotics and prosthetics:

- (1) Medical orthotics:

The design and/or the production except components of appliances and/or the fitting and/or the supply of appliances intended to restore the function and/or to compensate for limitations and/or to improve the physiological performance of the part of the musculo-skeletal system that has lost its function or which has never attained its full functional development or which is subject to congenital abnormalities.

- (2) Medical prosthetics:

The design and/or the production except components of appliances and/or the fitting and/or the supply of appliances intended to replace in whole or in part limbs amputated or deformed congenitally in order to restore or improve their function and/or appearance.