

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

## RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS

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The South African Medical and Dental Council hereby in terms of [section 32](#) (1) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act No.56 of 1974), makes the rules contained in the Schedule hereto.

### SCHEDULE

1. The Council may register as an occupational therapy assistant any person who holds evidence of having successfully completed-
  - (1) a training course recognised by Council of at least 50 teaching hours in orientation to occupational therapy in all spheres of occupational therapy; and
  - (2) one year's practical experience in a full-time capacity in an occupational therapy department approved by the Council under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist.
2. Any person who has been working as an occupational therapy assistant in an institution approved by the Council for a period of five years prior to 10 February 1994, may, on the written recommendation of the Head of the Department of Occupational Therapy of that institution, be exempted, at the discretion of the Council, from the requirements set out in rule 1 (1) and be registered as an occupational therapy assistant.
3. The rules published under Board Notice 534 of 1984 is hereby repealed.