

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL ORTHOTISTS AND PROSTHETISTS

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The South African Medical and Dental Council hereby, in terms of [section 32](#) (1) read with [section 61](#) (4) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act. 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), makes the following rules, in substitution for the rules published under Government Notice R. 1846 dated 16 September 1977, as amended by Government Notice R.268 dated 16 April 1981.

1. The council may register as a medical orthotist and prosthetist any person who satisfied the council that he has complied with either the requirements set out in subrule (1) or the requirements set out in subrule (2) hereof.

- (1) (a) He shall hold the following qualification:

Examining authority and qualification

Abbreviation for registration

Department of National Education

National Certificate in Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics

Nat Cert Med Orth and Pros(SA)

- (b) He shall have been trained in an institution approved by the council for the training of medical orthotists and prosthetists and shall have passed a practical proficiency test set by such institution: Provided that -
 - (i) persons in possession of a junior certificate may sit for this practical test on completion of four years practical training in an institution approved by the council for the training of medical orthotists and prosthetists;
 - (ii) persons in possession of a senior certificate may sit for this examination on completion of three years practical training in an institution approved by the council for the training of medical orthotists and prosthetists.

- (2) (a) He/she shall hold the following qualification:

Examining authority and qualification**Abbreviation for registration*****Department of National Education***

National Diploma in Orthotics and Prosthetics (SA) (will only be recognised if studies commenced after 1 January 1985)

Nat Dip Med Orth and Pros(SA)

- (b) He/she shall have been trained for a period of at least four years of which the first three years will be in order to attain the National Diploma in Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics and the fourth year will be a continuous internship during which the holder of the National Diploma will undergo clinical training of a minimum of 1 200 hours during the internship year at a unit approved by the council.

[Subrule (2) amended by BN 53/97]

2. Persons who were registered as medical mechanics and surgical appliance makers under the provisions of Government Notices 2041 of 30 September 1949, 667 of 22 March 1951, as amended, or R. 1712 of 30 October 1964, or as medical technicians under the provisions of Government Notice R. 3211 of 5 September 1969, shall be deemed to be registered under these rules as medical orthotists and prosthetists.
3. 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 cause the Professional Board for Medical Orthotists and Prosthetists and the council to be furnished with authoritative information for such qualifications, where-upon if such standard of training is considered satisfactory by the council, such qualification may be recognised.