

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

## REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF PHYSIOTHERAPY TECHNICIANS

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The Minister of Health has, in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, under [section 61](#)(1), read with [section 24](#) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), 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 have the meaning so assigned and, unless the context otherwise indicates -

“**board**” means the Professional Board for Physiotherapy, Podiatry and Biokinetics established in terms of [section 15](#)(1) of the Act;

“**examination**” means an examination conducted by an educational institution approved by the board or examiners appointed by the board;

“**physiotherapy technician**” means a person registered as such in terms of the Act;

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

#### 2. Qualification for registration

- (1) The registrar may register as a physiotherapy technician any person who obtained the following qualifications:

<i>Examining authority and qualification</i>	<i>Abbreviation for registration</i>
<b>University of the Witwatersrand</b>	
Diploma in Therapy Assistants (Community)	Dip Ther Assist (Com) Witwatersrand

- (2) In the case of an applicant for registration that is based on a qualification not referred to in subregulation (1), an applicant shall furnish the board with authoritative information on the education and training required for such qualification and, if the

standard of such education and training is considered satisfactory by the board, the board may approve such qualification.

- (3) If the applicant's qualification referred to in sub-regulation (2) is approved by the board, such applicant shall undergo an examination in physiotherapy assistance conducted by the board in terms of [section 15B](#)(1)(b) of the Act.
- (4) A person holding a qualification contemplated by these regulations must have undergone training for such qualification for a period of at least two years.

**3. Registration as physiotherapy technician**

The registrar may register a person as a physiotherapy technician if such person obtained the qualifications contemplated in regulation 2.

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