

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

## REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

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

[Regulation 1](#)

[Regulation 2](#)

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1. The following categories of persons are prescribed in terms of [section 26](#) of the Act and may be registered in terms of that section:
  - (1) Psychologists engaged in missionary psychological practice or intern psychologists undergoing training in mission hospitals approved by the council for the purposes of the regulations made under [section 61](#) (1) (i) of the Act;
  - (2) psychologists engaged by universities and scientific institutions approved by the council;
  - (3) psychologists employed in a full-time capacity by the State, the provincial administrations, the Administration of South-West Africa or by a local authority;
  - (4) psychologists employed in a full-time or part-time capacity by a clinic subsidised by any two or more of the authorities referred to in subregulation (3);
  - (5) psychologists or intern-psychologists engaged in post-graduate study or research in the Republic, as the holders of appointments which are not of a permanent nature;
  - (6) persons undergoing training as intern-psychologists, or holding posts normally held by intern-psychologists in the Republic, for the purpose of extending their post-graduate experience;

- (7) persons who -
    - (a) hold one of the qualifications which are prescribed in the regulations made under [section 24](#) (3) of the Act and which render holders who are citizens of a foreign country eligible for registration by the council as psychologists, consequential to an agreement providing for registration in South Africa of such holders;
    - (b) have become citizens of the Republic of South Africa on a date prior to the date on which an agreement referred to in (a) came into operation, and who, but for the fact that they had become South African citizens, would have been eligible for registration in terms of such agreement;
  - (8) psychologists engaged by accredited diplomatic missions in the Republic;
  - (9) psychologists engaged by organisations or institutions in the Republic recognised for the purposes of the training of intern-psychologists by the council and the Professional Board for Psychology.
2. Any such person may be registered with the council as a psychologist or as an intern-psychologist if he holds one or other of the qualifications approved from time to time by the council for the purposes of these regulations, and shall be subject, if so registered, to the conditions set out in these regulations in so far as they may apply to the category of psychologist or intern-psychologist of which he is a member.
  3. The registration as a psychologist or as a intern-psychologist of every person referred to in regulation 1 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (8), shall be effective for such initial period as the council may determine but not exceeding five years from the date of his first registration with the council, and may be renewed thereafter for such further period or periods as the council may determine.
  4. Every person referred to in regulation 1 (1) and registered as a psychologist with the council in terms of these regulations shall restrict his practice to -
    - (1) attendance on the families of missionaries and the staff attached to the said mission society;
    - (2) attendance on Non-Whites within the area of a mission society approved by the council for the purposes of these regulations; or
    - (3) such other professional activities as the council may, from time to time, in individual cases approve.
  5. Every person referred to in regulation 1 (2) and registered as a psychologist with the council in terms of these regulations shall restrict his professional activities to -

- (1) teaching and research duties at a university;
  - (2) research duties at such scientific institution;
  - (3) such other professional activities as the council may, from time to time, in individual cases approve.
6. Every person referred to in regulation 1 (3) and registered as a psychologist with the council in terms of these regulations may, by virtue of such registration, perform only such acts specially pertaining to the profession of a psychologist as he is required to perform in terms of his contract of employment with the State, the provincial administrations, the Administration of South-West Africa or a local authority.
  7. Every person referred to in regulation 1 (4) and registered as a psychologist with the council in terms of these regulations may, by virtue of such registration, perform only such acts specially pertaining to the profession of a psychologist as he is required to perform in terms of his contract of employment with the clinic.
  8. Every person referred to in regulation 1 (5) and registered as a psychologist with the council in terms of these regulations may, by virtue of such registration, carry out such professional practice in the Republic as in the opinion of the council fails legitimately within the sphere of post graduate study or research.
  9. Every person referred to in regulation 1 (8) and registered as a psychologist with the council in terms of these regulations shall restrict his professional activities to -
    - (1) attendance on the diplomatic representatives and their families and on staff who are attached to such diplomatic missions and who are not South African citizens;
    - (2) such other professional activities as the council may, from time to time, in individual cases approve.
  10. Every person referred to in regulation 1 (1), (5) and (6) and registered as an intern-psychologist with the council in terms of these regulations may, by virtue of such registration, undergo training as an intern-psychologist in an institution recognised and approved for the purpose by the council in terms of the regulations made under [section 61](#) (1) (i) of the Act, and may hold a post normally held by intern-psychologists in the Republic, in such institution, for the purpose of extending his post-graduate experience.
  11. Every person referred to in regulation 1 and registered with the council in terms of these regulations as a psychologist or an intern-psychologist shall, with due regard to the provisions of these regulations, be subject to all the provisions of the Act relating to psychologists or intern-psychologists.