

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

## REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS

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The Minister of Health has, in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, in terms of [section 61](#)(1), read with [section 24](#) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), made the regulations in the Schedule.

### SCHEDULE

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#### 1. Definitions

In these regulations word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates -

“**board**” means the Professional Board for Environmental Health Practitioners established in terms of [section 15](#)(1) of the Act;

“**environmental health assistant**” means a person registered as such in terms of the Act; and

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

#### 2. Registration as environmental health assistant

- (1) The board may approve an application by any person for registration as an environmental health assistant on the basis of previous experience and training, length of environmental health service and recognition of prior learning obtained in an environmental health facility or any other institution recognised by the board.
- (2) If the application referred to in subregulation (1) is approved by the board, such applicant may be required to undergo an examination in environmental health conducted by the board in terms of [section 15B](#) of the Act.
- (3) The registrar may register a person as an environmental health assistant if such person’s application for registration has been approved by the board, or in the case of an applicant referred to in subregulation (2), if such applicant has passed the examination referred to in that subregulation.

(signed)  
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