

BOARD NOTICE
HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA
HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)

EVALUATIONS OF MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS NOT PRESCRIBED FOR REGISTRATIONS

The Health Professions Council of South Africa is a statutory body established in terms of Section 2 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act no 56 of 1974).

One of the objectives of the Health Professions Council of South Africa is to protect the interest of the public by ensuring that practitioners who wish to register to practice as Healthcare Practitioners meet all the prescribed requirements for registration and once registered uphold and maintain professional and ethical standards of practice.

Section 15B authorises the Professional Board to approve education and training institutions subject to prescribed conditions and to recognize qualification held by the individuals (whether such qualification was obtained in the Republic of South Africa or elsewhere) as being equally, either wholly or in part, to any prescribed qualification.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15B the Board had for the previous years retained a list of qualifications which were based on their professional contents, considered to be equivalent to the training of Medical Practitioners in South Africa and those that were found not to be equivalent were subjected to an assessment by the Board “the Board exam”.

The Medical and Dental Professions Board is committed to ensuring that all medical practitioners who are registered to practice medicine in the Republic of South Africa, have the requisite skills and competencies to practice ethically and professionally.

The Board has resolved to embark on a process of revalidating the current list of qualifications with the aim of ensuring that the standard of training is still on par with the South African standards and training of Medical Practitioners.

The revalidation process may result in the list being unaltered or some institutions which are currently recognised being removed if the standard of training of such institutions in the opinion of the Board, is no longer registrable.

The review process will have no effect on applications submitted and received by Council prior to 1 April 2023. All applicants who submit their applications for registration from 1 April 2023 must include an official curriculum of training undertaken.

Effectively, all applicants holding qualifications not prescribed for registration are expected to submit a curriculum of the education and training and the following requirements must, with effect from 1 April 2023 be adhered to by all applicants qualified outside the Republic of South Africa:

Registration requirements:

1. ECFMG verification confirming verification of:
 - 1.1. Medical degree;
 - 1.2. Transcript of the degree;
 - 1.3. Intern duty certificate;
 - 1.4. Proof of registration as a medical practitioner with the regulatory body where practitioner is currently practicing.
2. Notarised copy of degree certificate;
3. Notarised copy of transcript of the degree;
4. Details of Academic Curriculum for the medical degree indicating the course of study, specifying courses, content of education and training which comprise the following:
5. Duly completed application form 12;
6. Valid original certificate of good standing not older than 6 months from date of issue;
7. Valid endorsement letter, where applicable, issued by the Foreign Workforce Directorate;
8. Intern Duty Certificate
9. Valid certified copy of identity document;
10. Prescribed registration fee and annual fee;

For curriculum Review

- Subjects covered in every year of study indicated
- Content of each subject;
- Learning outcomes for subjects;
- Assessment criteria and method
- Is the programme of study indicating 5500 hours over a minimum period of 5 years,
- Confirm if the majority (75%) of training at institution awarding the degree. (75% of 5500 Hours = 4125 Hours)
- Is the curricula hours summarised at the beginning of the submission in a table form which makes the identification of clinical and didactic hours (time) clear?
- Proof of accreditation by the Medical Council/Regulator from country of institution
- Proof of accreditation by the Medical Council/Regulator from country of institution is signed
- Proof of accreditation by the Medical Council/Regulator from country of institution is stamped

- Letter of recognition of programme from the country's National Department of Health and/or National Department of Health
- Proof of academic English proficiency course (IELTS) (less than 2 years) if language of tuition was not English

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