

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, MEDICAL ORTHOTICS/PROSTHETICS AND ARTS THERAPY

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The Minister of Health has, in terms of [section 15](#) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) as amended by Act No. 29 of 2007, and on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

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SCHEDULE

1. Definitions

In these regulations “**the Act**” means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) as amended by Act No. 29 of 2007, and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise -

“**board**” means the Professional Board for Occupational Therapy, Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics and Arts Therapy established in terms of [section 15](#) of the Act;

“**designated groups**” means black people, women and persons with disabilities who, for the purposes of these regulations, shall be protected and advanced in the following order of the levels of disadvantage of the past, which must be taken into consideration in the appointment process:

- (a) women;
- (b) Men of African, Asian or coloured descent;
- (c) disabled persons, irrespective of descent; and

“**section**” means a section of the Act.

2. Constitution of the board

The board shall consist of the following 14 members who permanently reside in South Africa:

- (a) four occupational therapists, of whom at least three shall be from designated groups, who shall be appointed by the Minister on the basis of nominations by persons with registered postal addresses in the Republic and whose names appear in the registers of occupational therapists or supplementary occupational therapists;
- (b) two medical orthotists and prosthetists, of whom at least one shall be from designated groups, who shall be appointed by the Minister on the basis of nominations by persons with registered postal addresses in the Republic and whose names appear in the registers of medical orthotists and prosthetists or supplementary medical orthotists and prosthetists;
- (c) one occupational therapy assistant or occupational therapy technician, who shall be appointed by the Minister on the basis of nominations by persons with registered postal addresses in the Republic and whose names appear in the registers of occupational therapy assistants or occupational therapy technicians;
- (d) one assistant medical orthotist and prosthetist, leatherworker, orthopaedic footwear technician or orthopaedic technical assistant, who shall be appointed by the Minister on the basis of nominations by persons with registered postal addresses in the Republic and whose names appear in the registers of assistant medical orthotists and prosthetists, leatherworkers, orthopaedic footwear technicians or orthopaedic technical assistants;
- (e) one arts therapist, who shall be appointed by the Minister on the basis of nominations by persons with registered postal addresses in the Republic and whose names appear in the register of arts therapists;
- (f) one person registered with the board, who shall be appointed by the Higher Education South Africa (HESA) to represent educational institutions accredited by the board;
- (g) one person representing the department of health, who shall be appointed by the Minister; and
- (h) three community representatives, who shall be appointed by the Minister, of whom at least one person shall be a disabled person.

3. Repeal

The Regulations relating to the Constitution of a Professional Board for Occupational Therapy and Medical Orthotics/Prosthetics published under Government Notice No. R. 1063 of 28 July 2003 are hereby repealed.

(Signed)
MINISTER OF HEALTH
DATE: 30/10/2008