

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

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The South African Medical and Dental, Council hereby makes the following rules in terms of [section 32](#) (1) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), in substitution for the rules published under Government Notice R. 1695 dated 30 October 1964:

1. The council may register as an occupational therapist any applicant who has obtained after examination any of the following qualifications in occupational therapy: Provided-
 - (a) that the applicant obtained such qualification after the minimum period of thirty months full-time attendance at the institution granting the qualification; and
 - (b) further that from 1 January 1977 the applicant shall subsequent to having obtained such qualification have had at least six months practical experience in occupational therapy in a full-time capacity in a department of occupational therapy, approved by the council, under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist:

Examining authority and qualification

Abbreviation for registration

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Department of National Education

National Diploma in Occupational Therapy Nat Dip Occup Ther (SA)

University of Cape Town

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy BSc (OT) Cape Town

University of Durban-Westville

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy B Occup Ther Durban-
Westville

Medical University of Southern Africa

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy
Diploma in Occupational Therapy

B Occup Ther Medunsa
Dip Occup Ther Medunsa

University of the Orange Free State

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

B Occup Ther Orange Free
State

University of Pretoria

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

B Occ T Pret

University of Stellenbosch

Diploma in Occupational Therapy
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther Stell
B Occup Ther Stell

University of the Western Cape

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

B Occup Ther Western Cape

University of the Witwatersrand

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup. Ther
Witwatersrand
BSc (OT) Witwatersrand

AUSTRALIA

Association of Occupational Therapists, New South Wales

Diploma

Dip Assoc Occup Ther
New South Wales

Cumberland College of Health Sciences

Bachelor of Applied Science in Occupational
Therapy

Diploma in Applied Science in Occupational
Therapy

B Appl Sc (OT) Cumberland
College Health Sciences
Australia
Dip Appl Sc (OT) Cumberland
College Health Sciences
Australia

Lincoln Institute, Victoria

Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational
Therapy)

B Appl Sc (OT) Lincoln
Institute

Occupational Therapy School of Victoria

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther Occup Ther
School Victoria Australia

Royal Perth Hospital School of Occupational Therapy

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip in Occup Ther Royal

Perth Hosp School of
Occupational Therapy

University of Queensland

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

B Sc (Occup. Ther)
Queensland

Western Australian Institute of Technology

Associateship in Applied Science
(Occupational Therapy)

A in Applied Science (Occup
Ther) W Australian Inst of
Tech

AUSTRIA

School for Occupational and Working Therapy Services

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip (Occup Ther) School for
Occup & Working Ther
Services Austria

BELGIUM

Hoger Instituut voor Paramedische Beroepen Sint Vioventius- Gent

Bachelor in Occupational Therapy

B Occup Ther Sint
Vinorentius Gent

CANADA

Laval University

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

B Occup Ther-Laval

McGill University

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther McGill

Mohawk College, Ontario

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther Mohawk
College

University of Alberta

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy
Diploma in Occupational Therapy

BSc(OT) Alberta
Dip Occup Ther Alberta

University of British Columbia

Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation

BSc (Rehabilitation) British
Columbia

University of Toronto

Diploma in Physical and Occupational

Dip Physical and Occup Ther

Therapy

Toronto

University of Western Ontario

Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)

BSc (OT) Toronto

FRANCE

Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, France

“Diplôme d'Etat d'Ergothérapeute”

Dip d'Etat Ergothér Lyon

University of Montpellier

“Diplome d'Etat Ergotherapeute”

Dip d'Etat Ergothér
Montpellier

GERMANY

State Certificate in Occupational Therapy

State Cert Occup The
Germany

INDIA

University of Bombay

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy

BSc (OT) Bombay

ISRAEL

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Bachelor in Occupational Therapy

B(OT) Hebrew Jerusalem

School of Occupational Therapy

Certificate

Cert Occup Ther Israel

NAIROBI

Medical Training College Nairobi

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther Medical
Training College Nairobi

NETHERLANDS

Netherlands Association for Occupational Therapy

Diploma in Ergotherapy (Huizen/Bussum)

Dip Ergother Huizen

Diploma in Occupational Therapy
(Amsterdam)

Dip Occup T Amsterdam

Diploma in Occupational Ergotherapy
(Hoensbroek)

Dip Occup Ergother
Hoensbroek

NEW ZEALAND

Central Institute of Technology

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip (Occup Ther) Central Inst
Technology New Zealand

State Examination in Occupational Therapy

State Exam Occup Ther New
Zealand

PORTUGAL

School of Rehabilitation

Diploma in Occupational Therapy*

Dip Occup Ther School of
Rehabilitation Portugal

* The qualification will only be recognised if obtained subsequent to 1 June 1979; if obtained prior to that date, it will only be recognised if the council is satisfied as to the psychiatric clinical practice done under supervision by the applicant in obtaining the qualification.

UNITED KINGDOM

Association of Occupational Therapists, Great Britain

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther Great Britain

Astley Ainsley Hospital and School of Occupational Therapy, Scotland

Certificate

Cert Occup Ther Scotland

College of Occupational Therapists, Great Britain

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Coll Occup Ther Great
Britain

Scottish Association of Occupational Therapists

Diploma

Dip Assoc Occup Ther
Scotland

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Boston University

Master of Occupational Therapy

M OT Boston

Colorado State University

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy

BSc Occup Ther Colorado
State

Philadelphia School of Occupational Therapy

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther Philadelphia

State University of New York

Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy) BSc (OT) New York

University of Florida

Bachelor of Health Science in Occupational Therapy B Health Sc (OT) Florida

University of Puget Sound

Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy) BSc (OT) Puget Sound

Western Michigan University

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy BSc (OT) Western Michigan

[Rule 1 amended by GN R1832/77, GN R445/78, GN R1035/78, GN R760/82, Gen N 530/84, BN 14/87, BN 47/94, BN 46/96, BN 37/96 and BN 52/97]

2. The council may register as an occupational therapist any person who passed an examination in occupational therapy conducted by the council in terms of [section 32](#) of the Act.
3. Where, in the case of an application for registration, the qualification on which the application is based has not already been approved by the council, the applicant shall be required to cause the Professional Board for Occupational Therapy and the council to be furnished with authoritative information as to the training required for such qualification, whereupon, if the standard of such training is considered satisfactory by the council, such qualification may be approved.