

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGULATION OF GENETIC COUNSELLORS

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The Interim National Medical and Dental Council of South Africa hereby makes the following rules in terms of [section 32](#) (1) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), in substitution for the rules published under Board Notice 126 of 1994;

1. The council may register as a genetic counsellor any applicant who satisfies the professional board and the council that he/she has complied with the requirements set out in rules 1 (1) and 1 (2).

- (1) That he/she shall hold one of the following qualifications:

<i>Examining authority and qualification</i>	<i>Abbreviation for registration</i>
<i>Medical University of Southern Africa</i> Master of Science in Medicine in Human Genetics	MSc Medunsa
<i>University of Cape Town</i> Master of Science in Medicine in Human Genetics	MSc (Med) Cape Town
<i>University of the Free State</i> Master of Science in Medicine in Human Genetics	MMed Sc UFS
<i>University of Pretoria</i> Master of Science in Medicine in Human Genetics	MSc Pret
<i>University of Stellenbosch</i> Master of Science in Medicine in Human Genetics	MSc Stell
<i>University of the Witwatersrand</i> Master of Science in Medicine in Human Genetics	MSc (Med) Witwatersrand
Master of Science in Medicine in (Genetic Counselling)	MSc (Med) Witwatersrand

- (2) Subsequent to having obtained the qualification prescribed in rule 1 (1), he/she must complete two years of experiential training in an accredited institution approved for this purpose by the professional board and the Council under the supervision of a genetic counsellor registered with the Council for not less than three years: Provided that, of the two years experiential training prescribed in this paragraph, one year of experiential training may at the discretion of the professional board and the council, be completed while such applicant was enrolled for a masters degree as mentioned in rule 1 (1).

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these rules, it shall be lawful for the professional board and the council to register as a Genetic Counsellor any person who has not

fully complied with these rules, if the professional board and the council, after due inquiry, is satisfied that such person is competent to practice as a Genetic Counsellor.