

BOARD NOTICE 79 OF 2001
HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

RULES RELATING TO CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN DIETETICS

The Health Professions Council of South Africa intends, in terms of section 26 read with section 15B of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), to make the rules set out in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed rules to the Registrar, P O Box 205, Pretoria 0001 (for the attention of the Secretary: Professional Board for Dietetics), within one month of the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

DEFINITIONS

1. In these rules "**the Act**" means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and, unless inconsistent with the context-

"**board**" means the Professional Board for Dietetics established by Government Notice No. R. 75 of 16 January 1998;

"**continuing professional development**" means the continuing education and training referred to in section 26 of the Act and prescribed in terms of these rules.

REQUIREMENTS

2. Any dietitian whose name on 1 August 2001 appears on the register of dietitians kept in terms of section 18 of the Act, shall be required to comply with the conditions of continuing professional development laid down in these rules as a prerequisite for such dietitian to retain his or her registration in terms of the Act.
3. Any person who, after 1 August 2001, registers for the first time in terms of the Act as a dietitian in any category of independent practice or public service, shall be required to comply with the conditions of continuing professional development laid down in these rules from the following year, which shall be a prerequisite for such dietitian to retain his or her registration in terms of the Act.
4. Any person whose name had been erased from the register of dietitians shall be subject to compliance with any condition(s) which the board may specify prior to the restoration of the name of such practitioner to the relevant register.
5. For the purpose of continuing professional development, every dietitian shall be required to accumulate at least 50 points within any one-year provided that any points accumulated during one year in excess of 50 points may be forwarded to the subsequent year only.

Provided that, if such dietitian does not accumulate the prescribed minimum in any one-year, he or she shall be permitted to obtain the required points in the subsequent year.

6. The 50 points prescribed in rule 5 shall be accumulated by way of different educational or developmental activities accredited by the board in any of the following categories of activities:
- (1) Organisational activities;
 - (2) Small-group activities;
 - (3) Individual activities;
 - (4) Any other activity or category of activities which the board may accredit from time to time.

7. In complying with the requirements no more than 80% of points may be obtained in any one category.
8. In complying with the requirements, at least 2 points per annum shall have to be obtained by every dietitian in professional ethics.
9. Deferment of compliance with the requirements of continuing professional development may only be granted by the board on application to individual practitioners on submission of adequate reasons and subject to such requirements as the board may determine.
10. In the event of a dietitian not complying with the conditions specified in these rules within the prescribed period of time, the board may impose any one or more of the following conditions, namely-
 - (a) grant the dietitian deferment;
 - (b) require the dietitian to follow a remedial programme of continuing education and training as specified by the board;
 - (c) require the dietitian to write an examination as determined by the board;
 - (d) erase the name of the dietitian from the relevant register.

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