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## HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)

### REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF REGISTERED COUNSELLORS

The Minister of Health, in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, intends in terms of sections 24 and 25, read with section 61 (1)(a)(iv) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), to make the regulations in the schedule.

Comments are invited within a period of one month from the date of publication hereof to the Director-General: Health, for attention the Director: Human Resource Development.

#### **SCHEDULE**

#### **Definitions**

 In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates -

"professional board" means the Professional Board for Psychology established in terms of section 15(1) of the Act, as published by Government Notice No. R. 75 of 16 January 1998; and

"the Act" means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974).

# Registration of counsellors

2. (1) The professional board may register as a registered counsellor any person who satisfied the professional board that he or she complied with the requirements set out in subregulations (2), (3), (4) and (5) of this regulation in one or more of the following categories, e.g.:

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career counselling;

marriage counselling;

psychometry;

school counselling; or

trauma counselling

(2) He or she holds an honours degree in Psychology or a bachelors degree in

Psychology or equivalent qualification in Psychology recognised for this purpose

by the professional board.

(3) He or she has completed at least 200 hours of supervised practical training to be

approved by the professional board.

(4) He or she has complied with the minimum core competencies determined by the

professional board.

(5) He or she has passed the national examination for counsellors as approved by

the professional board.

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 professional board, the

applicant shall furnish the professional board with authoritative information as to the

training required for such qualification, whereupon, if the standard of such training is

considered satisfactory by the professional board, such qualification may be approved.

MINISTER OF HEALTH

**DATE: 9 June 2001**