

No. R. 75

17 January 2003

**HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA****REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS**

The Minister of Health intends, in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, under section 61 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any comments or representations on the proposed Regulations to the Director-General: Health (for attention the Director: Human Resources Development), Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001, within three months of the date of publication of this Notice.

**SCHEDULE****Definitions**

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

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

**"council"** means the Health Professions Council of South Africa;

**"penalty fee"** means the penalty fee payable for the late payment of the registration fee referred to in the regulation 2(n) of Regulations relating to fees payable to Council as published under Government Notice No. R.1129 of 9 November 2001;

**"registration fee"** means the fee referred to in the Regulations relating to fees payable to Council, published under Government Notice No. R. 1129 of 9 November 2001;

**"section"** means a section of the Act;

**"student"** prior to 1 January 2004, means a person enrolled for a master's degree in psychology recognised by the Board and, after 1 January 2004, a person enrolled for a doctoral degree in psychology recognised by the board; and

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

#### **Application for registration**

2. (1) Prior to 1 January 2004, a student at a university in South Africa recognised by the board shall apply to the registrar for registration as a student -
  - (a) in the case of a student who enrolls at such university as a student in the master's degree programme in psychology, within two months of such enrolment; or
  - (b) in the case of a student who on the date of publication of these regulations has already enrolled at such university, within two months after the date of publication of these regulations.
- (2) As from 1 January 2004, a student at a university in South Africa recognised by the board shall apply to the registrar for registration as a student -
  - (a) in the case of a student who enrolls at such university as a student in the doctoral degree programme in psychology, within two months of such enrolment; or
  - (b) in the case of such a student who on the date of publication of these regulations has already enrolled at such university, within two months after the date of publication of these regulations.

- (3) An application for registration as a student shall be made on a form obtainable from the board for that purpose and shall be accompanied by –
- (a) a certified copy of the applicant's identity document or such other proof of his or her age and correct names as may be acceptable to the registrar;
  - (b) a copy, certified by a notary public, of the applicant's four -year bachelor's or honours or master's degrees, indicating psychology as a major subject; and
  - (c) the registration fee of R20-00.

#### **Application for restoration to the register**

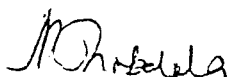
3. (1) Where the name of a student has been removed from the register and he or she resumes study for the relevant master's or doctoral degree after having interrupted such study for a period of one year or longer, an application for his or her name to be restored to the register shall be made to the registrar within two months of re-enrolment for such study and such application shall be accompanied by –
- (a) a certificate issued by the university to confirm that such student has thus re-enrolled for such study;
  - (b) the applicant's original certificate of registration issued by the board or a certified copy thereof; and
  - (c) the restoration fee of R25-00.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of section 19 of the Act, the name of a student who interrupts his or her studies for a period of more than a year, but annually states in writing his or her intention of continuing his or her studies for the relevant master's or doctoral degree, shall not be removed from the register of students.

**Penalty**

4. Where an application for the registration of a name in the register of student psychologists, together with the documents and fee referred to in regulation 2(3), is submitted after the periods mentioned in regulation 2, such application shall be subject to a penalty.

**Repeal**

5. The Regulations published under Government Notice No. R. 2088 of 1 October 1982, as amended by Government Notices No. R. 1123 of 2 July 1993 and R. 952 of 18 July 1997, are hereby repealed.

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