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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

REGULATIONS RELATING TO INTERN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS AND REGISTRATION OF INTERN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS

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

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

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. 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 -

"internship" means a one year period of training in a medical technology facility approved or accredited by the professional board;

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

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

Requirements for registration

2. An applicant for registration as an intern medical technologist shall submit to the registrar –
 - (a) proof that he or she holds a qualification recognised for this purpose by the professional board;
 - (b) proof of having completed education and training as a registered student medical technologist for a minimum period of three years;
 - (c) a formal application for registration as intern-medical technologist; and
 - (d) the registration fee of R55.00

Notification to registrar

3. An intern-medical technologist shall, as soon as he or she assumed duty as an intern-medical technologist in a laboratory, notify the registrar of the fact, furnishing the name of the laboratory and the department in which he or she has assumed duty and shall also notify the registrar beforehand if he or she intends to change from the recorded place of his or her service or training to another laboratory.

Duration of training

4. (1) The training to be undertaken by an intern-medical technologist shall be –

- (a) for a period of not less than one year, and where the training is interrupted the training shall consist of periods not less than one month which, when added together, are not less than one calendar year in total, including leave not exceeding one month's duration;
 - (b) in a laboratory accredited for this purpose by the professional board: Provided that in the event of an internship not being available in an accredited laboratory, the professional board, in its discretion, may approve alternative training which is equivalent to the training in a laboratory accredited by the professional board, which board, in recognising such alternative training, may stipulate that only a specific part of an intern medical technologist's training shall be undertaken in that manner, and that the balance of the internship shall be undertaken in an accredited laboratory;
 - (c) approved by the professional board and be subject to evaluation by the professional board prior to the commencement of such training.
- (2) The professional board may at any time withdraw approval or accreditation of training if they regard the training as inadequate or unsatisfactory, and require that alternative training be undertaken for a specified period.

Validity of registration as intern medical technologist

5. Registration as an intern medical technologist shall be valid for a period not exceeding three years, unless the professional board approves an application for the extension thereof based on exceptional circumstances.

Proof of training for registration as medical technologist

6. An intern-medical technologist shall provide evidence to the satisfaction of the professional board, that he or she has undertaken the training contemplated in regulation 4 before he or she can be registered as a medical technologist.


MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 3-4-2003