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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID**

No. R. 557

23 April 2003

**HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL  
TECHNICIANS IN PHLEBOTOMY**

The Minister of Health intends, in terms of section 61(1) read with section 24, 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 representations on the proposed Regulations to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for attention of the Director: Human Resource Development), 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 so assigned and, unless the context otherwise indicates –

“**professional board**” means the Professional Board for Medical Technology established by Government Notice No. R. 75 of 16 January 1998 in terms of section 15 (1) of the Act;

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

2. The registrar may register as a medical technician in the category phlebotomy any person who –

- (a) holds an appropriate qualification in phlebotomy granted after examination by any institution or examining authority approved by the professional board, which includes practical experience obtained under supervision of an appropriately qualified practitioner in an accredited training institution as prescribed for this purpose by the professional board: Provided that no qualification shall be accepted for the purposes of this regulation unless the education and training therefor has extended over a minimum period of two years in a recognised health facility or other institution approved by the professional board; and
- (b) has passed an examination in phlebotomy conducted by the professional board in terms of section 15B (1) (b) of the Act .

3. Where the qualification on which an application is based has not yet been approved by the professional board, the applicant shall be required to furnish the professional board at his or her cost with authoritative information as to the education and training required for such qualification. If the standard of such education and training is considered satisfactory, and upon complying with such requirements and passing such examination(s) as the professional board may determine, such applicant may be registered by the registrar.

*M. Chabala*  
MINISTER OF HEALTH

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