

No. R. 584

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**HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)****REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PROFESSIONAL  
BOARD FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND MEDICAL  
ORTHOTICS/PROSTHETICS**

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 15 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director- General of Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Development), within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this notice.

**SCHEDULE****1. Definitions**

In these regulations "the Act" means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise -

"**board**" means the Professional Board for Occupational Therapy and Medical Orthotics/Prosthetics established, in terms of section 15 of the Act, under Government Notice No. R. 75 of 16 January 1998;

**"previously disadvantaged individuals"** means persons who were previously disadvantaged by unfair discrimination and who, in terms of section 9(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996), may be protected and advanced to achieve equality and, for the purposes of these regulations, includes the following designated groups:

- (a) Men of African, Asian or coloured descent;
- (b) women, irrespective of descent; and
- (c) disabled persons, irrespective of descent;

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

## **2. Constitution of the board**

- (1) The board shall consist of the following 14 members who permanently reside in South Africa:
  - (a) Four occupational therapists, of whom at least two shall be previously disadvantaged individuals;
  - (b) two medical orthotists/prosthetists, of whom at least one shall be a previously disadvantaged individual;
  - (c) one occupational therapy assistant;
  - (d) one assistant medical orthotist/prosthetist, leatherworker, orthopaedic footwear technician or orthopaedic technical assistant;
  - (e) one arts therapist;

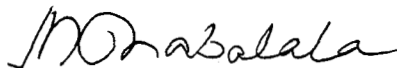
- (f) one person representing the educational institutions accredited by the board where education and training for the professions referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) are conducted;
  - (g) one person representing the health authorities, who shall be appointed by the Minister; and
  - (h) three community representatives, who shall be appointed by the Minister of whom at least one person shall be a disabled person.
- (2) The four occupational therapists referred to in subregulation (1)(a) shall be elected by persons with registered postal addresses in South Africa and whose names appear on -
- (a) the register of occupational therapists;
  - (b) register of occupational therapy technicians; or
  - (c) register of supplementary occupational therapists.
- (3) The two medical orthotists/prosthetists referred to in subregulation (1)(b) shall be elected by persons with registered postal addresses in South Africa and whose names appear on -
- (a) the register of medical orthotists/prosthetists; or
  - (b) the register of supplementary medical orthotists/prosthetists.
- (4) The occupational therapy assistant referred to in subregulation (1)(c) shall be elected by persons with registered postal addresses in South Africa and whose names appear on the register of occupational therapy assistants.
- (5) The assistant medical orthotist/prosthetist, leatherworker, orthopaedic footwear technician or orthopaedic technical assistant referred to in

subregulation (1)(d) shall be elected by persons with registered postal addresses in South Africa and whose names appear on -

- (a) the register of assistant medical orthotists/prosthetists;
  - (b) the register of leatherworkers;
  - (c) the register of orthopaedic footwear technicians; or
  - (d) the register of orthopaedic technical assistants.
- (6) The arts therapist referred to in subregulation (1)(e) shall be elected by persons with registered postal addresses in South Africa and whose names appear on the register of arts therapists.
- (7) The person representing the educational institutions referred to in subregulation (1)(f) shall be appointed by such institutions.

### 3. Repeal

The Regulations relating to the Constitution of a Professional Board for Occupational Therapy and Medical Orthotics/Prosthetics published under Government Notice No. R. 311 of 27 February 1998 are hereby repealed with effect from the date immediately preceding the date of the first meeting of the board constituted in terms of these regulations.



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