

No. R. 857

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**HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)****REGULATIONS RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF DENTAL ASSISTANTS AND REGISTRATION OF PERSONS QUALIFIED OUTSIDE THE REPUBLIC**

The Minister of Health intends, in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, has in terms of section 61(1), read with sections 24 and 25 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 substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General: Health, (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Development), Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001, within two months 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 otherwise indicates –

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

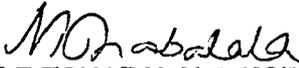
## 2. Qualifications for registration

- (1) The qualifications required for registration as a dental assistant in terms of the Act, shall be as specified below:

<i>Examining authority and qualification</i>	<i>Abbreviation for registration</i>
<b>Durban Institute of Technology –</b>	
National Certificate in Dental Assisting.....	Nat Cert Dent Asst – Durban Inst of Technology
<b>Health Professions Council of South Africa -</b>	
Examination in Dental Assisting .....	Exam HPCSA
<b>Technikon Free State -</b>	
National Certificate in Dental Assisting .....	Nat Cert Dent Asst – Technikon Free State
<b>Peninsula Technikon -</b>	
National Certificate in Dental Assisting .....	Nat Cert Dent Asst – Peninsula Technikon
<b>Technikon Pretoria -</b>	
National Certificate in Dental Assisting .....	Nat Cert Dent Asst – Technikon Pretoria

- (2) In the case of an application for registration that is based on a qualification that has not yet been approved by the council, the applicant shall furnish the council with authoritative information on the training required for such qualification and, if the standard of such training is considered satisfactory by the council, such qualification may be approved.

- (3) The council may register as a dental assistant any person holding a qualification referred to in subregulation (2) who passed an examination in dental assisting conducted by the council.

  
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**MINISTER OF HEALTH**