

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SPECIALITIES AND SUBSPECIALITIES IN MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY: AMENDMENT

The Minister of Health intends, in terms of section 35, read with sections 61(1)(f) and 61(2) 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 substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations in writing to the Director-General of Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Development), within one month of the date of publication of this Notice.

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In these regulations, "**the Regulations**" means the Regulations relating to the Specialities and Subspecialities in Medicine and Dentistry, published as Government Notice No. R. 590 of 29 June 2001.

Amendment of regulation 2 of the Regulations

2. Subregulation (1) of regulation 2 of the Regulations is hereby amended by -
 - (1) the insertion in alphabetical order of the following new specialities which are hereby recognised and prescribed in terms of subsection (2) of section 35 of the Act:

Speciality

Designation

Emergency Medicine	Specialist in Emergency Medicine
Occupational Medicine.....	Specialist in Occupational Medicine;

- (2) the substitution of the expression "Public Health Medicine" for the expression "Community Health", and the expression "Specialist in Public Health Medicine" for the expression "Specialist in Community Health";
- (3) the insertion of the following note after the speciality Public Health Medicine:

"Note: Persons currently designated Specialists in Community Health will, subsequent to the publication hereof, be designated Specialists in Public Health Medicine, and may apply to the board to have their registration certificates replaced at the prescribed fee."

Amendment of regulation 3 of the Regulations

3. Regulation 3 of the Regulations is hereby amended by -

- (1) the insertion in alphabetical order of the following new subspecialties which are hereby recognised and prescribed in terms of subsection (2) of section 35 of the Act:

Subspeciality	Designation
Gynaecological Oncology	Specialist in Gynaecological Oncology
Infectious Diseases.....	Specialist in Infectious Diseases
Maternal and Foetal Medicine.....	Specialist in Maternal and Foetal Medicine
Reproductive Medicine	Specialist in Reproductive Medicine;

- (2) the insertion of the following note after the subspeciality Occupational Health:

"Note: Occupational Health will only be recognised as a subspeciality in medicine until all subspeciality trainees who may have enrolled for a course in the subspeciality Occupational Health on the date of publication hereof have completed their course and registered with the board as specialists in the subspeciality Occupational Health, after which the relevant register shall be closed."

Amendment of regulation 4 of the Regulations

4. Regulation 4 of the Regulations is hereby amended by -

- (1) the insertion of the following subspecialities in alphabetical order in Column 1 and the following basic specialities listed opposite such subspecialities in Column 2:

Registrable Subspeciality	Basic Speciality
Column 1	Column 2
Gynaecological Oncology	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Infectious Diseases.....	Medicine Paediatrics Pathology (Microbiological) Pathology (Virological)
Maternal and Foetal Medicine.....	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Reproductive Medicine	Obstetrics and Gynaecology;

- (2) the deletion of the expressions "Occupational Health" and "Community Health" from this regulation.

Amendment of regulation 6 of the Regulations

5. Subregulation (2) of regulation 6 of the Regulations is hereby amended by -

- (1) the deletion of paragraph (d);
- (2) the insertion of the following new paragraph (k):

"(k) In the case of the speciality Public Health Medicine, a person shall have obtained at least four years' education and training as referred to in paragraph (a) in all the subjects of Public Health Medicine under the supervision of the Public Health Medicine department of a higher education institution accredited by the board."

Amendment of regulation 8 of the Regulations

6. Regulation 8 of the Regulations is hereby amended by -

- (1) the insertion in paragraph (b) of subregulation (3) of the expression ", except in the case of the speciality Oral Pathology, where it shall not be less than six years" after the expression "in the case of dentistry";
- (2) the insertion of the expression "and authorize" after the expression "as the board may specify" in paragraph (b) of subregulation (5);
- (3) the insertion after subregulation (9) of the following new subregulations:

"(10) A medical practitioner or dentist who enjoys recognition as a specialist in any country other than South Africa on the basis of foreign qualifications in a discipline in medicine or dentistry recognised in that country as a speciality, but not so recognised in either regulation 2 or 3 hereof respectively -

 - (a) may apply to the board for registration in the category public service (specialist);
 - (b) shall, for this purpose, submit his or her application for such registration to the board on an application form supplied by the board, which shall be duly completed;
 - (c) shall submit, together with his or her application, the documentary proofs referred to in subregulation (3); and
 - (d) shall pay the prescribed registration fee.

(11) On receipt of an application referred to in subregulation (10), the board -

 - (a) shall determine whether the applicant qualified in a discipline which, in the sole discretion of the board, may be regarded as a discipline of medicine or dentistry;

- (b) shall satisfy itself that the applicant achieved a level of knowledge, experience and competence in that discipline which would qualify him or her at a level comparable to that of South African qualified specialists.
- (12) At the request of a higher education or research institution, the board may consider an application by a medical practitioner or dentist referred to in subregulation (10) for registration in the category education in the same manner as specified in subregulations (10) and (11), and may grant registration to such an applicant as a specialist in the category education on such conditions of registration as the board may determine."

Amendment of regulation 9 of the Regulations

7. Regulation 9 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution of the expression "education" for the expression "public service (specialist)" in subregulations (2) and (4).

Amendment of regulation 11 of the Regulations

8. Regulation 11 of the Regulations is hereby amended by -
- (1) the substitution in paragraph (b) of subregulation (1) of the expression "2002" for the expression "2001";
 - (2) the substitution in paragraph (c)(i) of subregulation (1) of the expression "subspeciality trainee" for the expression "senior registrar";
 - (3) the substitution in paragraph (a)(i)(bb) of subregulation (2) of the expression "subspeciality trainees" for the expression "senior registrars";
 - (4) the substitution in subregulation (4) of the expression "subspeciality trainee" for the expression "senior registrar".

Amendment of regulation 13 of the Regulations

9. Regulation 13 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution of the expression "subspeciality trainee" for the expression "senior registrar", wherever it appears.



MINISTER OF HEALTH

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