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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID

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#### HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)

#### REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF INTERN PSYCHOLOGISTS

The Minister of Health has, under section 61(1)(b) and (c) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

#### SCHEDULE

##### Definitions

1. In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act must have that meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates –

“approved facility,” means a hospital, clinic or a health care centre, which provides training that has been approved by the board for the purpose of internship training as contemplated in section 16 of the Act;

**“board”** means the Professional Board for Psychology established by Government Notice No. R. 75 of 16 January 1998;

**“penalty”** means the fee payable for late registration prescribed in regulation 2(n) of the Regulations Relating to Fees Payable to the council, promulgated by Government Notice No. R. 1560 of 31 October 2003;

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

### **Registration as an intern psychologist**

2. Any person who holds a qualification prescribed in the regulations relating to the registration of psychologists made in terms of section 17 of the Act or who holds a qualification accepted by the board must, before he or she is entitled to registration as a psychologist in any category of such registration, undertake training to the satisfaction of the board as an intern psychologist for a period and in the manner prescribed in regulation 5, unless the board exempts him or her partially or in full from this requirement on submission of documentary evidence to the satisfaction of the board of internship or equivalent training undergone or experience obtained.

### **Requirements for registration**

3. A person contemplated in regulation 2 must apply to the board for registration as an intern, and –

- (a) in the case of an intern psychologist who commences training at an approved facility for training of intern psychologists, within one month following the commencement of that training; or
- (b) in the case of an intern psychologist who, on the date of publication of these regulations has already commenced training at an approved facility for training of intern psychologists, within one month after the date of publication of these regulations.

**Information submitted by applicant to the board**

4. A person referred to in regulation 2 must -
- (a) submit his or her application for registration as an intern in psychology to the board on an application form supplied by the board, and duly completed in person;
  - (b) submit proof:
    - (i) that he or she holds a qualification prescribed in the regulations referred to in regulation 2;
    - (ii) that he or she holds a qualification accepted by the board in terms of the regulations referred to in regulation 2 and has passed an examination or other assessment determined by the board; or
    - (iii) he or she has successfully completed at least twelve months of the course leading to a qualification referred to in regulation 2;
  - (c) submit the name of the approved facility to which he or she was admitted to undergo training as an intern and must notify the board in writing in advance if he or she intends to change from that facility to another facility; and

- (d) pay the prescribed registration fee.

### **Conditions of internship training**

5. (1) The training to be undertaken by an intern psychologist must meet the following conditions:
- (a) internship training must be for a period of twelve months and where it is broken or interrupted it must consist of periods which, when added together, are not less than twelve months in total, including vacation leave not exceeding one month per annum, and must comply with criteria laid down by the board from time to time;
  - (b) no such break or interruption must exceed a period of one year if the period of training prior to such break or interruption is to be recognized as part of completed internship training;
  - (c) the period of twelve months of internship training contemplated in paragraph (a) must be completed within a period of two years from the date an intern psychologist registers as such in terms of section 17 of the Act;
  - (d) if an intern does not complete his or her internship training within a period of two years, his or her registration in terms of the Act must be cancelled, unless-
    - (i) he or she furnishes the board with satisfactory reasons as to why his or her registration should not be cancelled; and
    - (ii) he or she complies with conditions which the board may determine for completing the internship training and for the board to recognize the applicant's internship training, the conditions may

include the passing of the board's national examinations in psychology; and

- (e) the training must be undertaken by an intern at a facility approved by the board.
- (2)
- (a) If a facility contemplated in sub-regulation (e) is not available, the board may, at its discretion, accept alternative training, which in the board's opinion is equivalent to training at a facility approved by the board.
  - (b) When approving a facility or alternative training, the board may stipulate that only a portion of an intern's training must be undertaken thereat and that remainder must be undertaken at another approved facility.
  - (c) If internship training at an approved facility is regarded by the board for any reason to be inadequate or unsatisfactory, the board may withdraw that facility's approval, in which case the board must inform any interns at the facility accordingly in writing and request those interns to undertake internship training at another approved facility for the remaining period of internship training.

#### **Duty certificate as proof of training**

6. (1) Upon completion of internship training, an intern must submit a duty certificate to the satisfaction of the board that he or she has satisfactorily undertaken internship training as required by the board, and it must be a precondition for his or her registration as a psychologist.
- (2) The duty certificate contemplated in subregulation (1) must be issued by the

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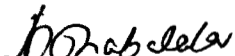
officials of an approved facility where an intern successfully undertook internship training that the board may require.

#### **Penalty**

7. Where an application for the registration of a name on the register of intern psychologists or for its restoration thereto together with documents and fees referred in regulation 4, as the case may be, is submitted after the date specified in regulation 3, as the case may be, such application must be subject to the prescribed penalty in respect of each month or part of a month by which the application is submitted after the date so prescribed.

#### **Repeal**

8. The regulations promulgated by Government Notice No. 1859 of 16 September 1977, as amended by Government Notices Nos. R. 326 of 18 February 1983, R. 895 of 13 May 1994 and R. 953 of 18 July 1997, are hereby repealed.

  
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