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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID

No. R. 1457

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

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

The Minister of Health has, under section 61(1)(f), read with sections 35 and 61(2) 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

Definition

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

**Amendment of regulation 2 of the Regulations**

2. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is hereby amended by -

(1) in subregulation (1), the insertion of the following specialities in the correct alphabetic order:

"Emergency Medicine.....	Specialist in Emergency Medicine";
"Occupational Medicine.....	Specialist in Occupational Medicine";
and	
"Public Health Medicine,.....	Specialist in Public Health Medicine".

"Note: Persons designated as Specialists in Community Health at the date of operation hereof shall be designated as Specialists in Public Health Medicine from such date and may apply to the board to have their registration certificates replaced";  
and

(2) in subregulation (1), the deletion of the following speciality:

"Community Health..... Specialist in Community Health".

#### Amendment of regulation 3 of the Regulations

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

(1) the insertion of the following new subspecialities in the correct alphabetical order:

"Gynaecological Oncology..... Specialist in Gynaecological Oncology";

"Infectious Diseases..... Specialist in Infectious Diseases";

"Maternal and Foetal Medicine..... Specialist in Maternal and Foetal  
Medicine"; and

"Reproductive Medicine..... Specialist in Reproductive Medicine";  
and

(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 are 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 the correct alphabetical order in Column 1 and the corresponding basic specialities listed opposite such subspecialities in Column 2:

"Gynaecological Oncology..... Obstetrics and Gynaecology";

"Infectious Diseases..... Medicine  
Paediatrics  
Pathology (Microbiological)  
Pathology (Virological)";

"Maternal and Foetal Medicine..... Obstetrics and Gynaecology";  
and

"Reproductive Medicine..... Obstetrics and Gynaecology";  
and

(2) the deletion of the expressions "Occupational Health" and "Community Health".

Amendment of regulation 6 of the Regulations

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

(1) the deletion of subregulation (2)(d); and

(2) in subregulation(2), the insertion of the following new paragraph:

"(k) In the case of the speciality Public Health Medicine, a person shall have obtained at least four years' education and training 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 substitution for paragraph (3)(b) of the following paragraph:

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"(b) of the number of years that have elapsed since he or she had obtained his or her basic qualification in medicine or dentistry which shall not be less than-

- (i) six years in the case of medicine; or
- (ii) five years in the case of dentistry, except in the case of the speciality Oral Pathology, where it shall not be less than six years;"

(2) in subregulation (5)(b), the insertion of the expression "and authorize" after the expression "as the board may specify";

(3) the insertion after subregulation (9) of the following new subregulations:

"(IO) A medical practitioner or dentist who enjoys recognition as a specialist in any country other than the Republic of 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, may apply to the board for registration in the category public service (specialist).

(I1) An application contemplated in subregulation (10) shall-

- (a) be submitted to the board on an application form supplied by the board for such purpose;
- (b) be accompanied by the documentary proofs referred to in subregulation (3); and
- (c) accompanied by the prescribed registration fee.

(12) Upon receipt of an application referred to in subregulation (I1), the board -

- (a) shall determine whether the applicant qualifies in a discipline which, at the sole discretion of the board, may be regarded as a discipline of medicine or dentistry; and
- (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 specialists qualified in the Republic of South Africa.

**(13)** 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."

Amendment of regulation **9** of the Regulations

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

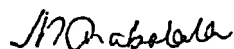
Amendment of regulation **11** of the Regulations

8. Regulation **11** of the Regulations is hereby amended by -

- (1) in subregulation (1)(b), the substitution for the expression "2001" of the expression "2002";
- (2) in subregulation (1)(c)(i), the substitution for the expression "senior registrar" of the expression "subspeciality trainee";
- (3) in subregulation (2)(a)(i)(bb), the substitution for the expression "senior registrars" of the expression "subspeciality trainees";
- (4) in subregulation (4), the substitution for the expression "senior registrar" of the expression "subspeciality trainee".

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 occurs.



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