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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 BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERS, CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS, GENETIC COUNSELLORS, MEDICAL BIOLOGICAL SCIENTISTS AND MEDICAL PHYSICISTS

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 61(1)(e) 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.

#### SCHEDULE

##### Definitions

1. In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the **Act**, shall bear such meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates -

“approved facility” means a hospital, clinic, laboratory, health care centre, or any other **institution** that is approved by the board for the purpose of internship training;

“board” means the Medical and Dental Professions Board established in terms of section 15 of the **Act**;

“**graduate**” means a student who has obtained a qualification in medical science at an approved educational institution;

“**intern**” means a person who has obtained a qualification in medical science or who is enrolled on a part-time basis for an honours degree in biomedical engineering, clinical biochemistry, genetic counselling, medical biological science or medical physics or who is

enrolled full-time for a masters degree in genetic counselling, who undertakes internship training at an approved facility for the purposes of registration, and who is registered as such in terms of section 17 of the Act;

**“qualification”** means a qualification as determined in the regulations relating to the **qualifications** for registration of biomedical engineers, clinical biochemists, genetic counsellors, medical biological scientists and medical physicists and the registration of persons who qualified outside South Africa;

**“section”** means a section of the Act; and

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

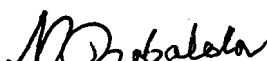
**Requirements for registration as an intern biomedical engineer, clinical biochemist, genetic counsellor, medical biological scientist or medical physicist**

2. (1) A graduate shall apply to the board on the prescribed application form for registration as an intern within two months of enrolment or employment as an intern and shall –
  - (a) in the case of biomedical engineers, clinical biochemists and medical biological scientists submit proof that he or she holds –
    - (i) an approved bachelor's degree together with proof of enrolment for an approved honours degree in biomedical engineering, clinical biochemistry or medical biological science; or
    - (ii) an approved honours degree in biomedical engineering, clinical biochemistry or medical biological science;
  - (b) in the case of genetic counsellors submit proof that he or she holds –
    - (i) an approved honours degree together with proof of enrolment for an approved masters degree in genetic counselling; or
    - (ii) an approved masters degree in genetic counselling;
  - (c) in the case of medical physicists submit proof that he or she holds –

- (i) an approved bachelor's degree together with proof of enrolment for an approved honours degree in medical physics on a part-time basis; or
  - (ii) an approved honours degree in medical physics; or
  - (iii) an approved honours degree in physics together with proof of enrolment for the courses in medical physics as prescribed by the board;
- (d) pay the prescribed registration fee;
- (e) submit a certificate to the board issued by the approved facility within **two** months of commencement with the internship training, confirming that he or she has been accepted for internship training.

### **Conditions of internship training**

3. (1) Internship training shall be undertaken in an approved facility for a period of 24 months and shall be completed within a period of four years from the date of registration as an intern: Provided that during part-time enrolment for additional modules required for registration, only half of the enrolment period shall count towards internship training in terms of these regulations, and at least 12 months shall be full-time.
- (2) Registration as an intern shall be valid for a period not exceeding four years, unless the board approves an application for the extension thereof.

  
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