

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID**

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT 56 OF 1974)**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

The Minister of Health has, in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa and in terms of section 61(1) read with sections 24 and 25 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE**1. Definitions**

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

“**board**” means the Professional Board for Dental Therapy and Oral Hygiene established in terms of section 15(1) of the Act;

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

2. Qualifications for registration

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

Examining authority and qualification Abbreviation for registration

Durban Institute of Technology

National Certificate in Dental Assisting Nat Cert Dent Asst – Durban Inst of Technology

Health Professions Council of South Africa

Examination in Dental Assisting Exam HPCSA

Technikon Free State

National Certificate in Dental Assisting Nat Cert Dent Asst – Technikon Free State

Peninsula Technikon

National Certificate in Dental Assisting Nat Cert Dent Asst – Peninsula Technikon

Tshwane University of Technology

National Certificate in Dental Assisting Nat Cert Dent Asst – Tshwane University of Technology

- (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these regulations, any person who worked as a dental assistant for a minimum period of five years prior to 31 March 2002 may apply to the board for registration as a dental assistant, and the board may at its discretion exempt such person from the requirements of subregulation (1).
- (3) The registrar may register as a dental assistant any person who has been exempted from the provisions of these regulations in terms of subregulation (2).



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