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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID

No. R. 432

13 May 2005

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

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF EMERGENCY CARE PRACTITIONERS

The Minister of Health intends, in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, in terms of section **61(1)**, read with sections **24** of the Health Professions Act, **1974** (Act No. **56** of **1974**), to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for attention of the Director: Human Resource Development), within one month of the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

1. Definitions

In this Schedule any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates –

“**advanced life support paramedic**” means an emergency care practitioner registered to provide advanced life support emergency medical care;

“**basic life support paramedic**” means an emergency care practitioner registered to practice under supervision to provide basic life support emergency care;

“**board**” means the professional board for emergency care practitioners established in terms of section **15** of the Act;

“council” means Health Professions Council of South Africa;

“emergency care practitioner” means a person registered in terms of section 17 of the Act as a paramedic basic, intermediate or advanced;

“examination” means an examination conducted by an educational and training institution approved by the board or examiners appointed by the board;

“intermediate life support paramedic” means an emergency care practitioner registered to practice independently, to provide intermediate life support emergency medical care:

“section” means a section of the Act; and

“the Act” means the Health Professions Act, 1974, (Act 56 of 1974).

2. Registration of persons as basic life support paramedics

The registrar may register as a basic life support paramedic any person who obtain a certificate for basic ambulance assistants, a certificate for ambulance emergency care assistants or a certificate for basic life support paramedics from an educational and training institution or examining body, which by resolution of the board, was approved as competent to award such a qualification.

3. Registration of persons as intermediate life support paramedics

The registrar may register as an intermediate life support paramedic any person who obtained a certificate in intermediate life support emergency medical care, a certificate for ambulance emergency assistants or a certificate for operational emergency care orderlies from *an* educational and training institution or examining body, which by resolution of the board, was approved as competent to award such a qualification.

4. Registration of persons as advanced life support paramedics


The registrar may register as an advanced life support paramedic any person who obtained a certificate in advanced life support emergency medical care; a certificate for critical care assistants or the National Diploma in emergency medical care, from an educational and training institution or examining body, which by resolution of the board, was approved as competent to award such a qualification.

5. Transitional arrangement

- (1) The names of persons who were registered as basic ambulance assistants in terms of the Rules published under Board Notice No. 53 of 1996, as well as the names of persons who were registered as emergency care assistants in terms of the Rules published under Board Notice No. 110 of 1996, shall with effect from date of promulgation of these regulations be transferred to the register for basic life support paramedics.
- (2) The names of persons who were registered as ambulance emergency assistants in terms of the Rules published under Board notice No. 52 of 1996, as well as the names of persons who were registered as operational emergency care orderlies in terms of the Rules published under Board Notice No. 109 of 1996, shall with effect from date of promulgation of these regulations be transferred to the register for intermediate life support paramedics.
- (3) The names of persons who were registered as paramedics in terms of the Rules published under Board Notice No. 106 of 1996, shall with effect from date of promulgation of these regulations be transferred to the register for advanced life support paramedics.

6. Repeal

Regulations promulgated under Government Notice No. R 1887 of 22 November 1996 are hereby repealed.


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