

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID**

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

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF
PHYSIOTHERAPY TECHNICIANS**

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** and **25** 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 of Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Development), within one months of the date of publication of this notice.

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 Physiotherapy, Podiatry and Biokinetics established in terms of section **15(1)** of the Act;

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

“physiotherapy technician” means a person registered as such in terms of the Act;

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

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

2. Registration as a physiotherapy technician

- (1) The registrar may register a person as a physiotherapy technician who obtained the following qualification:

Examining authority and qualification

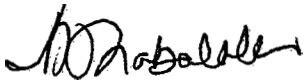
Abbreviation for registration

University of the Witwatersrand

Diploma in **Therapy Assistants**
(Community)

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- (2) A person holding a qualification referred to in subregulation (1) shall have trained for a period of at least two years.
- (3) In the case of an application for registration that is based on a qualification not referred to in subregulation (1), an applicant shall furnish the board with authoritative information on the education and training required for such qualification and, if the standard of such education and training is considered satisfactory by the board, the board may approve such qualification.
- (4) If the applicant's qualification referred to in subregulation (3) is approved by the board, such applicant shall undergo an examination in physiotherapy assistance conducted by the board in terms of section 15B (1) (b) of the Act.
- (5) The registrar may register an applicant as a physiotherapy technician who has passed the examination referred to in subregulation (4).



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MINISTER OF HEALTH

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