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HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF SPECIALITIES AND
SUBSPECIALITIES IN MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY: AMENDMENT**

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

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

SCHEDULE**Definition**

1. In these regulations, "**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 as amended by Government Notice No. R.1457 of 13 December 2004.

Amendment of regulation 2 of the regulations

2. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion in subregulation (1), of the following specialities in the correct alphabetical order:

"Family Medicine Family Physician;
Medical Genetics Medical Geneticist;
and
Paediatric Surgery Paediatric Surgeon."

Amendment of regulation 3 of the Regulations**3. Regulation 3 of the Regulations is hereby amended by:****3.1 the insertion after the subspeciality "Medical Genetics" of the following new paragraph:**

"Note: Medical Genetics will only be recognised as a subspeciality in medicine until all subspeciality trainees who are enrolled for a course in the subspeciality Medical Genetics on the date of publication hereof have completed their course and registered with the board as specialists in the subspeciality Medical Genetics, after which the relevant register shall be closed."

3.2 by the insertion after the subspeciality "Paediatric Surgery" of the following new paragraph:

"Note: Paediatric Surgery will only be recognised as a subspeciality in medicine until all subspeciality trainees who are enrolled for a course in the subspeciality Paediatric Surgery on the date of publication hereof have completed their course and registered with the board as specialists in the subspeciality Paediatric Surgery, after which the relevant register shall be closed."

3.3 the insertion of the following subspeciality in alphabetical order under the headings "Subspeciality" and "Designation":

"Trauma Surgery Trauma Surgeon."

3.4 the insertion of the following subspeciality in alphabetical order under the headings "Registrable subspeciality" and "Basic speciality":

"Trauma Surgery Surgery."

Amendment of regulation 4 of the Regulations**4. Regulation 4 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the deletion of the following registrable subspecialities and the basic specialities in respect thereof:**

["Medical Genetics.....	Medicine
	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
	Paediatrics
Paediatric Surgery..	Surgery]"

Amendment of regulation 6 of the Regulations

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

5.1 the substitution for subregulation (2)(a) of the following subregulation:

“(a) In the case of the specialities Anaesthesiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Dermatology, Diagnostic Radiology, Medical Genetics, Medicine, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Nuclear Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Otorhinolaryngology, Paediatrics, Paediatric Surgery, Physical Medicine, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Psychiatry, Radiation Oncology, and Urology, a person shall have obtained at least four years’ satisfactory education and training as the holder of a board approved post as registrar at a hospital, department or facility accredited by the board for specialist education and training.

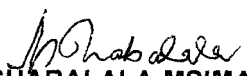
5.2 the addition after subregulation (2)(k) of the following new paragraph:

“(l) In the case of the speciality Family Medicine a person shall have obtained at least four years’ education and training of which 3 years shall be in an accredited registrar post.”.

Amendment of regulation 10 of the Regulations

6. Regulation 10 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the addition after subregulation (10)(2) of the following subregulation:

“(3) Practitioners registered as general practitioners in the public service will be allowed to do the training for specialists in family medicine and on completion of their studies be registered as specialists: public service (Family Medicine).”.


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