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HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF
NUTRITIONISTS**

The Minister of Health intends, under section 61(1) read with section 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No 56 of 1974), on the recommendation of 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 regulations to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Stakeholders Relations and Management), within two months of the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE**Definitions**

1. 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 Dietetics established under section 15 (1) of the Act;

“independent practice” means the practicing of the profession of nutrition by a nutritionist for his or her own account, either in solus practice, or as a partner in a partnership, or as an associate in an association with other practitioners registered under the Act, or as a director of a company exempted from the provisions of the Act in terms of section 54A of the Act;

“nutritionist” means a person registered as such under section 17 of the Act;

“public service” means a service rendered by the State at the national, provincial or local level of government, and includes organizations which function under the auspices or are largely subsidized by the State or recognized by the board for the purpose of these Regulations; and

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

Registration as a nutritionist

2. The registrar may register as a nutritionist any person who holds any one of the following qualifications, which shall include experiential training obtained under supervision of an appropriately qualified practitioner in an approved training facility:

EXAMINING AUTHORITY AND QUALIFICATION

ABBREVIATION FOR REGISTRATION

University of Kwazulu-Natal

Bachelor of Science in Human
Nutrition plus 1 Year Diploma
in Community Nutrition

BSc (Human Nutrition) Plus Dipl
(Community Nutrition) Kwazulu-
Natal

University of Venda

Bachelor of Science in Nutrition

BSc (Nutrition) Venda

3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Regulations, any person who worked as a nutritionist for a minimum period of five years prior to the date of promulgation of these regulations may apply to the board on the basis of recognition of prior learning for registration as a nutritionist, and the board may at its discretion exempt such person from the requirements of regulation 2.

4. The registrar may register as a nutritionist any person who has been exempted from the provisions of these regulations in terms of regulation 3.

Registration categories for registration of nutritionist

5. (1) The registrar may register an applicant as a nutritionist in any one of the following registration categories-
- (a) public service; or
 - (b) independent practice.
- (2) The registrar may register a person as a nutritionist in the category public service if such a person-
- (a) holds any of the qualifications referred to in regulation 2;
 - (b) has been exempted from the provisions of these regulations in terms of regulation 3; or
 - (c) performs community service in terms of section 24A of the Act.
- (3) The registrar may register a person as a nutritionist in the category independent practice if such a person-
- (a) holds any of the qualifications referred to in regulation 2;
 - (b) completed community service in terms of section 24A of the Act; and
 - (c) passed the board examination for entry into independent practice.



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