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## GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

No. R. 1195

14 December 2007

#### HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT 56 of 1974)

#### REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF DENTAL ASSISTANTS: AMENDMENT

The Minister of Health intends, under section 61(5) read with sections 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, to amend the regulations promulgated as Government Notice No. R. 338 of 15 April 2005 as amended by Government Notice No. R. 793 of 12 August 2005 as reflected in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations in writing on the proposed amendments to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X 828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Stakeholder Relations and Management), within one month from date of publication of this notice.

#### SCHEDULE

##### Definitions

1. In this schedule, “**the regulations**” means regulations relating to the qualifications for registration of dental assistants as published under Government Notice No.R.338 of 15 April 2005 as amended by Government Notice No. R.793 of 12 August 2005, and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the regulations shall have that meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates.

**Amendment of Regulation 2 of the regulations.**

2. Regulation 2 of the regulations is hereby amended:

2.1 by the substitution for sub-regulation (2) of the following sub-regulation: -

"(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these regulations, any person who worked as a dental assistant prior to 31 March 2008 for a minimum period of five years without being registered as such 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 sub-regulation (1): Provided that no person shall qualify for this exemption after four months from 31 March 2008."

2.2. by the insertion of the following sub-regulation (2A) after sub-regulation (2): -

"(2A). An application referred to in sub-regulation (2) must be accompanied by a certificate of service duly signed by the employing dentist or human resource department of an approved employing institution indicating the exact period of employment of the applicant."

  
**MINISTER OF HEALTH**

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