

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID**

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT 56 of 1974)

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

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

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 corrected 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, 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 subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

"(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these regulations, any person who worked as a dental assistant, prior to date of publication of these amendment regulations, 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 subregulation (1): Provided that no person shall qualify for this exemption after three months from date of publication of these regulations."

2.2. by the insertion of the following subregulation (2A) after subregulation (2):

"(2A). An application referred to in subregulation (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."



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