

No. R. 638

13 June 2008

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS IN MEDICAL SCIENCE**

The Minister of Health intends, in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, in terms of section 61(1), read with section 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), to make regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit substantiated comments or representations in writing or, the proposed regulations to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Chief Director: Human Resource Development) within 3 months from 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 bear such meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates -

“approved educational institution” means an institution which has been granted recognition and approval for the teaching and training of students in medical science by the board following an evaluation process as determined by the board;

“board” means the Medical and Dental Professions Board established in terms of section 15 of the Act;

“section” means a section of the Act;

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

Registration of Students in Medical Science

2. Every student at an approved educational institution in the Republic offering training leading to a qualification in medical science which is recognized by the board under the provisions of the Act, shall submit to the registrar an application for registration as a student in accordance with the provisions of regulation 3 hereof-
 - (a) in the case of students commencing attendance at such university or training institution in the first year of study, within four months following such commencement; or
 - (a) in the case of students who have been exempted from the first, second, or third year of study, within four months following their commencement of attendance in the second, third or fourth year of study, respectively.

Application for registration as student medical scientist

3. An application by a student for registration as a student in medical science must be accompanied by-
 - (a) such student's identity document or birth certificate or, if the student is unable to furnish either of these documents, such other proof of his or her age and correct names as may be acceptable to the registrar;
 - (b) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced study in a subject or subjects at an approved educational institution, which certificate must specify the year of study and the date on which the student enrolled; and
 - (c) the prescribed student registration fee.
4. A student in medical science who resumes his or her studies after interrupting them for at least one year must submit an application for re-registration within four months of resuming such study.
5. An application referred to in regulation 4 must be accompanied by-
 - (a) a certificate to prove that such student resumed such study;
 - (b) the original registration certificate that was issued by the registrar at the initial registration; and
 - (c) the prescribed student registration fee.

6. The names of students in medical science who interrupted their studies for more than one year, but who indicated annually in writing of their intention to continue with their studies, may not be removed from the register.
7. An application for registration as a student in medical science submitted after a period of four months shall be subject to the prescribed penalty fee for late registration in respect of each month or a portion of a month for which it is submitted late.
8. The registrar must issue a registration certificate to every registered student in medical science.
9. A student in medical science who changes from one educational institution to another during the course of his or her study must notify the board within four months of such change.



DR ME TSHABALALA-MSIMANG, MP

MINISTER OF HEALTH