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## GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

No. R. 803

15 September 2010

#### HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO.56 OF 1974)

#### REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS, SPEECH THERAPISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS, AUDIOLOGISTS AND HEARING AID ACOUSTICIANS

The Minister of Health intends, in terms of section 61(1) read with section 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 make the regulations 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 any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates –

**“audiologist”** means a person registered as such in terms of the Act;

**“board”** means the professional board for speech, language and hearing professions established in terms of section 15 (1) of the Act;

**“independent practice”** means the practising of the profession of speech therapy, or speech therapy and audiology, or audiology and hearing aid acoustics by a health professional 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 health practitioners, or as a director of a company established in terms of section 54A of the Act;

**“public service”** means a service rendered by the State at the national, provincial and local levels 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;

“**speech therapist**” means a person registered as such in terms of the Act; and

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

#### **Requirements for registration**

2. The registrar may register as a speech therapist, or a speech therapist and audiologist, or an audiologist or hearing aid acoustician respectively, any person who obtained any of the qualifications specified below:

##### *Examining authority and qualification*

##### *Abbreviation for registration*

#### **SPEECH THERAPIST**

##### **University of Cape Town**

Bachelor of Science (Speech Language Pathology)	BSc (Speech Lang Path) Cape Town
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Bachelor of Science Speech Language Pathology (Conversion)	BSc (Speech Lang Path) Conversion Cape Town
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##### **University of Kwazulu-Natal (formerly University of Durban-Westville)**

Bachelor of Communication Pathology (Speech Language Pathology)	B Comm Path (Speech Lang Path) KwaZulu-Natal
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##### **University of Pretoria**

Bachelor of Communication Pathology (Speech Language Pathology)	B Comm Path (Speech Lang Path) Pretoria
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##### **University of Stellenbosch**

Bachelor of Speech Language and Hearing Therapy	B (Sp And H Therapy) Stellenbosch
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#### **SPEECH THERAPIST AND AUDIOLOGIST**

##### **University of Limpopo (formerly Medical University of South Africa)**

Bachelor of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology	B (Speech Lang Path & Audiology) UL
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##### **University of Pretoria**

B Communication Pathology (Speech Language	B Comm Path (Sp Lang Path and
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Pathology and Audiology)

Aud) Pretoria

**University of the Witwatersrand**

Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing Therapy

BA (Sp &amp; H Therapy) Wits

**AUDIOLOGIST****University of Cape Town**

Bachelor of Science (Audiology)

BSc (Audiology) Cape Town

**University of Kwazulu-Natal (formerly  
University of Durban-Westville)**

Bachelor of Communication Pathology (Audiology)

B Comm Path (Audiology) KwaZulu-  
Natal**University of Pretoria**

B Communication Pathology (Audiology)

B Comm Path (Audiology) Pretoria

**HEARING AID ACOUSTICIAN****University of Pretoria**

Advanced Diploma in Hearing Aid Acoustics

Adv Dip Hearing Aid Acoustics  
Pretoria

3. Any South African qualification previously recognized or approved by the board for registration as a speech therapist, or a speech therapist and audiologist, or an audiologist or hearing aid acousticians as contained in Board Notice No. R.1865 of 16 September 1977, as amended, shall continue to be recognized or approved for persons who prior to the date of publication of these regulations held such qualifications and complied with the prescribed requirements for registration.

**Registration categories for the registration of speech therapists, speech therapists and audiologists, and audiologists and hearing aid acousticians**

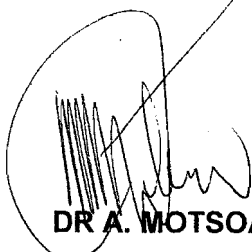
4. (1) The registrar may register a person as a speech therapist, or a speech therapist and audiologist, or an audiologist or hearing aid acoustician in any of the following registration categories:
- (a) public service;
  - (b) independent practice;

- (c) education; and
  - (d) postgraduate study
- (2) The registrar may register a person as a speech therapist, or speech therapist and audiologist, or audiologist or hearing aid acousticians in the category 'public service' if such person—
- (a) holds a qualification referred to in regulation 2 or 3;
  - (b) has complied with the requirement of community service in terms of section 24A of the Act; and
  - (c) has paid the required fee for registration.
- (3) The registrar may register a person as speech therapist, or speech therapist and audiologist, or audiologist or hearing aid acousticians in the category 'independent practice' if such person—
- (a) holds a qualification referred to in regulation 2 or 3;
  - (b) has complied with requirement of community service in terms of section 24A of the Act; and
  - (c) has paid the required fee for registration.
- (4) The registrar may register a person as a speech therapist, or speech therapist and audiologist or audiologist or hearing aid acousticians in the category 'education', if such person—
- (a) holds a foreign qualification that is recognised by the Board;
  - (b) holds a recent certificate of status (certificate of good standing) issued by the foreign registration authority;
  - (c) is employed by an approved educational institution in an accredited programme in South Africa as an educator, clinical educator, lecturer, researcher, clinical supervisor, speech therapist, speech therapist and audiologist, audiologist; professor, Dean, Head or Director of School or Division or Department in Speech Therapy, Speech Therapy and Audiology, and Audiology; and
  - (d) has paid the required fee for registration.
- (5) The registrar may register a person as a speech therapist, or speech therapist and audiologist or audiologist or hearing aid acoustician in the category 'postgraduate study' if such person—

- (a) holds a foreign qualification that is recognised by the Board; and
- (b) holds a letter of admission, into the postgraduate study, from an accredited educational institution in South Africa; and
- (c) has paid the required fee for registration

**Repeal**

5. The regulations published as per Government Notice No. R.104 of 16 January 19 hereby repealed.



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**MINISTER OF HEALTH**