
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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 *sole* 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

- (a) in the case of a student who enrolls at such approved educational institution as a student in his or her first year of study, within two months following such enrolment; or
 - (b) in the case of a student who, on the date of publication of these regulations, has already enrolled at such approved educational institution, within two months after the date of publication of these regulations.
- 3. An application for registration as a student must be made on a form obtainable from the Health Professions Council of South Africa for that purpose and must be accompanied by-
 - (a) a certified copy of the applicant's identity document or such other proof of age and correct names as may be acceptable to the registrar;
 - (b) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced training as a Psychometrist 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 registration fee.
- 4. A student who resumes studies after interruption for a continuous period of more than one year and whose name was consequently removed from the register of students in Psychometry, must submit an application for re-registration as a student within two months of resuming studies.
- 5. An application referred to in regulation 4 shall be accompanied by -
 - (a) a certificate to prove that such student has resumed study;
 - (b) original registration certificate as a student or duplicate thereof issued by the registrar; and
 - (c) the prescribed registration fees.
- 6. Subject to the provisions of section 19 of the Act, the name of a student who interrupted his or her studies for more than one year, but who indicates annually in writing his or her intention to continue with studies, shall be kept on the register until such student continues with studies.

7. An application for registration submitted after the prescribed period of two months referred to in regulations 2 and 3 shall be subject to the prescribed penalty fee for late registration in respect of each month or portion of a month for which it is submitted after the due date.
8. The registrar must furnish a student with a registration certificate upon registration.
9. Should a student change from one approved educational institution to another during the course of his or her studies, the registrar must be informed within two months of such change.

Information to be submitted to the board

10. An approved educational institution which enrolls students in Psychometry must submit to the Board on or before the 31st May of each year-
 - (a) a list of all students enrolled for that year;
 - (b) a list of all students who have discontinued studies during the preceding year; and
 - (c) a list of all students who resumed studies during the preceding year after temporarily discontinuing such studies.
11. The lists referred to in regulation 10 must include the students' full names, year of stud and where applicable, the dates of discontinuation and resumption of study.



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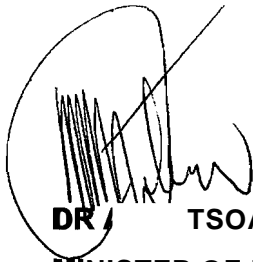
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- (c) education; and
 - (d) postgraduate study
- (2) The registrar may register a person as a speech therapist, or speech therapist and audiologist, or audiologist or hearing aid acousticians in the category 'public service' if such person-
- (a) holds 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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