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GOVERNMENT NOTICE**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH****No. R. 59****28 January 2014****HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO.56 OF 1974)**

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF STUDENT EMERGENCY CARE ASSISTANTS, STUDENT EMERGENCY CARE TECHNICIANS, OR STUDENT EMERGENCY CARE PRACTITIONERS

The Minister of Health intends, under section 61 (1) (a) (i) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) and after consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments in writing on the proposed amendments to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Stakeholder Relations and Management), within three months from date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations, “**Act**” means the Health Professions Act, 1974, (Act No. 56 of 1974) and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act has the meaning so assigned and, unless the context otherwise indicates –

“**educational institution**” means an educational institution which has been accredited by the professional board to offer training in emergency care.

“**professional board**” means the Professional Board for Emergency Care established in terms of section 15 of the Act;

“**student**” means a person who is registered as a student emergency care assistant, student emergency care technician, or student emergency care practitioner under the Act

Registration of students

2. (1) A student at an educational institution must submit an application to the registrar for registration as a student on a form provided for that purpose by the professional board and in accordance with the provisions of sub- regulation (2), and-

- (a) in the case of a student enrolling at an accredited educational institution in his or her first year of study, within four months following such enrolment; or
- (b) in the case of a student who, on the date of final publication of these regulations in the Government Gazette, has already enrolled at such accredited educational institution, within four months from date of publication of these regulations.

(2) An application for registration as a student shall 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 as a student emergency care assistant, student emergency care practitioner, or student emergency care technician at an accredited educational institution, which certificate shall specify the year of study and the date on which the student enrolled; and
 - (c) the registration fee.
- (3) An application for registration as a student by a visiting student, from a country other than South Africa, who has been admitted to an accredited educational institution for non-degree purposes for a period not exceeding one academic year, shall be accompanied by-
- (a) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced study as a student emergency care assistant, student emergency care technician, or student emergency care practitioner at an accredited educational institution;
 - (b) proof of registration as a student emergency care assistant, student emergency care technician, student emergency care practitioner, or any category of registration in emergency care by a recognised registering authority in a country or state other than South Africa; and
 - (c) the registration fee.
- (4) A person who is registered as a student and who wishes to be registered in as a student one or more of the student registration categories referred to in

these regulations shall submit an application for registration within four months of commencing study at an accredited educational institution.

- (5) An application referred to in sub regulation (4) shall be accompanied by-
 - (a) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced such study;
 - (b) the original registration certificate as a student issued by the registrar; and
 - (c) the registration fee.
- (6) A student who resumes his or her studies after interrupting them for at least one year, shall submit an application for re-registration within four months of resuming such study.
- (7) An application referred to in sub regulation (6) shall be accompanied by:
 - (a) a certificate to prove that such student has resumed such study;
 - (b) the original certificate of registration issued by the registrar; and
 - (c) the registration fee.
- (8) Subject to the provisions of regulation 3(3), the name of a student who has interrupted his or her studies for more than one year, but who indicates annually in writing that he intends to continue with his or her studies, may not be removed from the register.
- (9) A student who discontinued his or her studies and whose name was consequently removed from the register, and who applies for registration as a student shall submit an application to be registered as such within four months of commencing his or her studies.
- (10) An application referred to in sub regulation (9) shall be accompanied by

- (a) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced such study;
 - (b) the original registration certificate as a student issued by the registrar;
and
 - (c) the registration fee.
- (11) A person who applies for registration in terms of sub regulations (6) or (9) and who is unable to submit the original registration certificate issued by the registrar, shall apply for a certified extract from the register at a fee.
- (12) An application, together with the applicable documents and fees referred to in these regulations, submitted after the period of four months referred to in these regulations, shall be subject to the applicable penalty fee for late registration in respect of each month or portion of a month for which it is submitted after the due date.
- (13) No person shall be registered or re-registered as a student unless he or she has complied with the requirements prescribed in these regulations.
- (14) The registrar shall furnish a student with a registration certificate.
- (15) A student who has changed from one accredited educational institution to another during the course of his or her study must inform the professional board within four months of such change.

Information to be submitted to the professional board

3. (1) An accredited educational institution in South Africa shall submit, to the professional board on or before 31 May of each year -

- (a) a list of all student emergency care assistants, student emergency care practitioners, or student emergency care technicians enrolled for that year; and
 - (b) a list of all student emergency care assistants, student emergency care practitioners, or student emergency care technicians who have discontinued their studies during the preceding year.
- (2) The lists referred to in sub regulation (1) shall include the students' full names, the year of study and, where applicable, the date of discontinuation of study.
- (3) Together with the lists referred to in sub regulation (1), an accredited educational institution shall submit -
 - (a) a list of students who discontinued their studies temporarily during the preceding twelve months, specifying the reasons for such discontinuation and the date on which the students concerned are expected to resume their studies; and
 - (b) a list of students who resumed their studies during the preceding twelve months after temporarily discontinuing such studies.
- (4) The professional board shall remove, from the register, the name of a student who has discontinued his or her studies in South Africa.

Repeal

4. The regulations relating to the registration of student emergency care technicians and student emergency care practitioners published under Government Notice R1007 in *Government Gazette* 30393 of 26 October 2007 are hereby repealed.



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