
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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DENTAL TECHNICIANS ACT, 1979 (ACT NO 19 OF 1979) AS AMENDED

REGULATIONS RELATING TO CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS AND DENTAL TECHNICIANS

The Minister of Health has in terms of Section 50 (1) (r) of the Dental Technicians Act, 1979 (Act 19 of 1979) as amended, on the recommendation of the South African Dental Technicians Council, made the regulations in the Schedule

SCHEDULE

1. Definitions

In these regulations "**The Act**" means the Dental Technicians Act of 1979, and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning, unless the context otherwise indicates, and in addition-

"**Accreditor**" means the Council or an institution or body that is appointed by the Council, once it has met the criteria set out by the SADTC CPD Committee;

"**Accreditation committee**" means a sub committee appointed by the CPD committee for the purpose of assessing CPD activity applications;

"**Audit period**" means the time or period during which the CEUs will be valid;

"**Compliance checks or audit**" means the random selection of professionals from the register by the CPD Committee for compliance purposes;

"**Continuing education units (CEUs)**" means the value attached to a learning activity for Continuing Professional Development;

"**Continuing professional development (CPD)**" means the continuous formal and informal education and development presented in terms of these rules;

"Council" means the South African Dental Technicians Council/or SADTC established in terms of Section 2 of the Act;

"CPD category document (CPD 006)" means the document published by the council and which will apply for the prescribed cycle containing the categories and sub categories in which CEUs can be obtained;

"CPD cycle" means the term in which a registered person must obtain the prescribed number of CEUs which will constitute an audit period as determined by council from time to time;

"ethics activities" means a set of principles with regard to what is considered to be right or appropriate with due regard for one's profession and professional conduct as well as its impact on others which should include but not be exclusive to; human rights, business medical law and commercial law;

"Formal structured learning activities" means those developmental activities that have an outcome but do not constitute full year of earned CEUs. These include education, training, research and publications in professional journals, articles, authorship and co-authorship including chapters, posters, completion of a formal qualification, course, module and learning portfolio. These do not include teaching, examining or activities that constitute a person's job description;

"Individual CPD activity record" means the document that is in the possession of a person registered with the council as a record of every learning activity attended or completed;

"CPD activity data base" means the data base held by the council or its appointed agent of service providers and of persons registered as a record of every learning activity attended or completed;

"Learning activity" means the CPD activities for which CEUs are obtained;

"Measurable activities" means those activities that have a measurable outcome and include structured learning or a formal programme that is planned, recorded and presented by an accredited training institution, evaluated by an accredited assessor. Further categories will include demonstrations, hands on practical, case study presentations, educational involvement, training and publications in dental technology and related fields;

"non-compliance" means the failure of an individual to annually obtain the required CEUs for his/her continuous registration as determined by the Council;

"non- measurable activities" means those activities that do not have clearly measurable outcomes and may include advisory committee's and committee's related to dental technology, quality audits, special interest groups, programme reviewing, serving on council structures, attending formal national and international trade exhibitions, member of an appropriate accredited associations;

"Penalties" means the outcome of the actions/decisions taken by the Council or the committee delegated against a registered person who fails to comply with the CPD requirements of his/her registration;

"Registered person" means any dental technician, dental technologist, duly registered in terms of the Act;

"SADTC CPD Committee" means the committee constituted by Council to oversee matters related to CPD; and

"Service provider" means a profession-specific entity, professional or individual, accredited as per the set requirements, to present the learning activities for CPD purposes.

2. Requirements

- (1) Any person whose name appears on the register, under section 20, 23A and 28 of the Act, on the date to be determined by the Council, shall be required to comply with the conditions of CPD.
- (2) For the purpose of CPD, every registered person, shall at the date determined by the Council, be required to accumulate the required CEU's as determined by the council from time to time.
- (3) The CEUs as prescribed in subregulation 2 above shall be accumulated by way of different educational or developmental activities accredited by the Council in any categories and sub-categories as determined in the CPD category document (CPD 006).

3. Exemption on the basis of age

Any registered person may upon reaching the age of 70 apply to the Council for exemption from compliance with the requirements of CPD. Any dental technician or technologist shall be required to accumulate 50% of CEUs within the year they reach 70 years of age.

4. Deferment

Deferment of compliance with the requirements of CPD may only be granted by the Council on application by an individual on submission of adequate reasons and subject to such requirements as the Council may determine.

5. Non compliance

In the event of a registered person not complying with the requirements specified in regulation 2 above within the prescribed period of time, the council may impose any one or more of the following conditions, namely:

- (a) grant the registered person deferment; and/or
- (b) require the registered person to follow a remedial programme of continuing education and training as specified by the Council; and/or
- (c) require the registered person to write an examination as determined by the Council; and/or
- (d) order the registrar to:
 - (i) register the registered person in a category of registration which will provide for supervision regarded as appropriate by the Council;
 - (ii) register the registered person in a temporary category of registration for a period of time to allow compliance; or
 - (iii) remove the name of the registered person from the relevant register.

6. Appeals Procedure

- (1) Applicants of CPD activities may appeal to the CPD Committee if dissatisfied with a decision of the CPD Accreditation sub-committee in writing within 30 days (thirty days) after receiving such decision.
- (2) Registered persons failing to comply as per sub regulation 5, may appeal any of the penalties and apply for a resolution from the CPD Committee.

7. Re-registration

A deregistered person may apply for re-registration on the following grounds:

- (a) If deregistered due to non-compliance with CPD, this registration shall be considered in accordance with the regulations pertaining to restoration as contained in the Act.
- (b) If deregistered either on own request or in terms of section 24 of the Act, the applicant shall have to comply with the requirements as listed above.

8. Fees payable in relation to CPD

The SADTC CPD Committee may subject to the approval of the Council require some fees to be paid to the Council by the service providers for approved CPD activities as provided for in clause 4(f) and section 50(1)(r) of the Act.

9. Commencement

These Regulations are called Regulations relating to the Continuing Professional Development of Dental Technologists and Dental Technicians made in terms of the Dental Technicians Act, 1979 (Act no 19 of 1979) and will commence upon the date signed by the minister.



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MINISTER OF HEALTH

Date

