

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SPECIALITIES AND SUBSPECIALITIES IN
MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY: AMENDMENT

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 35 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and after consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the Regulations in the Schedule.



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MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 20/1/2020

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations “**the regulations**” means Regulations relating to the Specialities and Subspecialities in Medicine and Dentistry published under Government Notice No. R. 590 of 29 June 2001, as amended by Government Notices Nos. R. 1457 of 13 December 2004, R. 712 of 17 August 2007, R. 645 of 22 August 2012, and R. 971 of 02 September 2016, and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the regulations shall bear such meaning, unless the context indicates otherwise –

Amendment of regulation 2 of the regulations

2. Regulation 2 of the regulations is hereby amended –

- (a) by the deletion in sub regulation (1) of the speciality “**Physical medicine**”, and the note following this speciality;
- (b) by the insertion in sub regulation (1) of the speciality “**Sports and Exercise Medicine**”; and
- (c) by the substitution, in sub regulation (2), for the speciality “**Oral Pathology**..... **Oral Pathologist**” of the following speciality:

“Oral and Maxillofacial pathology Oral and Maxillofacial pathologist”

Amendment of regulation 3 of the regulations

3. Regulation 3 of the regulations is hereby amended –

- (a) by the deletion of the following subspecialties and any note following these subspecialties:

- (i) “Medical Genetics;
- (ii) Occupational health; and
- (iii) Paediatric Surgery”.

- (b) by the insertion, in alphabetical order, of the following subspecialties:

- (i) “Addiction Psychiatry;
- (ii) Community Paediatrics;
- (iii) Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry;
- (iv) Hepatology;
- (v) Paediatric Emergency Medicine; and
- (vi) Urogynaecology”

Amendment of regulation 4 of the regulations

4. Regulation 4 of the regulations is hereby amended by the insertion, in alphabetical order, of the following registrable subspecialties and basic specialities:

Registrable subspeciality

Basic speciality

(i)	"Addiction Psychiatry	Psychiatry
(ii)	Vascular Surgery	Cardiothoracic surgery General Surgery
(iii)	Community Paediatrics	Paediatrics
(iv)	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	Psychiatry
(v)	Hepatology	Internal Medicine"
(vi)	Paediatric Emergency Medicine	Paediatrics Emergency medicine
(vii)	Urogynaecology	Obstetrics and Gynaecology Urology and Surgery

Amendment of regulation 6 of the regulations

5. Regulation 6 of the regulations is hereby amended –

- (a) by the substitution for paragraph (a) of sub regulation (2) of the following paragraph:

"(a) In the case of the specialities Anaesthesiology, Dermatology, Medical Genetics, Medicine, Neurology, Nuclear Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Otorhinolaryngology, Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Radiation Oncology, and Urology, a person shall have obtained at least four years' satisfactory education and training as the holder of a board-approved post as registrar at a hospital, department or facility accredited by the board for specialist education and training."

- (b) by the addition in sub regulation (2) and after paragraph (l) of the following paragraph:

“(m) In the case of the specialities Cardiothoracic Surgery, Diagnostic Radiology, ENT (Otorrhinolaryngology), General Surgery, , Neurosurgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Paediatric Surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Urology, a person shall have obtained at least five years satisfactory education and training as the holder of a board-approved post as registrar at a hospital, department or facility accredited by the board for specialist education and training.”

- (c) by the substitution, for item (aa) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) in sub regulation (3), of the following item:

“(aa) the applicant was registered as a medical practitioner in terms of the Act for the full duration of the training of the speciality; and”

Amendment of regulation 7 of the regulations

6. Regulation 7 of the regulations is hereby amended by –

- (a) the substitution for sub regulation (2) of the following sub regulation:

“(2) In addition to the requirements in subregulations (1), the following requirements shall apply to the specialities listed:

- (a) In the case of the specialities Community Dentistry, Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Periodontics, Orthodontics and Prosthodontics, a person shall have obtained at least four years' education and training as the holder of a post of registrar approved by the board at a hospital, department or facility accredited by the board for specialist education and training.
- (b) In the case of the speciality Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, a person shall have obtained at least five years' education and training, of,

which at least two years shall have been in Pathology (Anatomical) at an academic teaching department of a teaching hospital accredited as such by the board.”

- (c) by the substitution, for item (aa) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) in sub regulation (3), of the following item:

“(aa) the applicant was registered as a dentist in terms of the Act for the full duration of the training of the speciality; and”

Amendment of regulation 10 of the regulations

7. Regulation 10 of the regulations is hereby amended by the deletion of subregulation (3).

Short Title

8. Regulations Relating to the Specialities and Subspecialities in Medicine and Dentistry: Amendment, 2019.