

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

## REGULATIONS DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROFESSION OF ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETIC TECHNICIANS

The Minister of Health intends, in terms of section 33(1) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa and the Professional Board for Occupational Therapy, Medical Orthotist / Prosthetist, to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General of Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for attention of the Director: Public Entities Governance; [mihloti.mushwana@health.gov.za](mailto:mihloti.mushwana@health.gov.za) and [paul.tsebe@health.gov.za](mailto:paul.tsebe@health.gov.za)), within three month of the date of publication of this notice.

  
DR MJ PHAAHLA, MP  
MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 15/08/2022

## SCHEDULE

### Definitions

1. In these regulations, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning, and unless the context indicates otherwise –

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

### Acts pertaining to the profession of orthotic and prosthetic technicians

2. The following are, deemed to be acts pertaining to the profession of orthotic and prosthetic technicians:
- (a) fabrication, repairs, and maintenance of orthoses, prostheses, and footwear;
  - (b) reviewing of the technical requirements of orthotic and prosthetic devices;
  - (c) formulation of fabrication requirements within the established treatment plan;
  - (d) implementation of the fabrication requirements;
  - (e) performing applicable machine maintenance and calibration; and
  - (f) generally providing technical support to medical orthotists and prosthetists.

### Short Title

3. These Regulations Are Called Regulations Defining The Scope Of The Profession Of Orthotics And Prosthetic Technicians, 2022.