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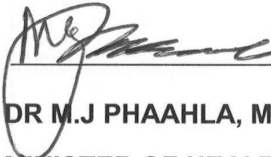
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## HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO.56 OF 1974)

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF INTERN ARTS THERAPISTS  
IN DRAMA

The Minister of Health intends, in terms of section 61(1) (k) 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 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 months of the date of publication of this notice.



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DR M.J PHAAHLA, MP  
MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 11/01/2023

## 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 otherwise indicates-

**“approved training facility”** means a hospital, clinic, laboratory, healthcare centre, or any other institution approved by the board for the purpose of internship training;

**“Board”** means the Professional Board for Occupational Therapy, Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics and Arts Therapy established in terms of section 15 of the Act;

**“intern”** means an intern Arts Therapist in the category of Drama.

**“qualification”** means a qualification prescribed under section 24 of the Act for registration of an arts therapist in the category of drama; and

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

### Registration as an intern

2. Any person who holds a qualification prescribed under section 24 of the Act for registration as an Arts Therapist in the category of Drama or who holds a qualification accepted by the board in terms of section 25 of the Act shall, before he or she is entitled to registration as an Arts Therapist in the category of Drama, undertake internship training to the satisfaction of the board for a period and in the manner prescribed in regulation 5, unless the board exempted such person partially or in full from this requirement on submission of documentary evidence to the satisfaction of the board of internship or equivalent training undergone or experience obtained elsewhere.

### Requirements for registration

3. A person referred to in regulation 2 must apply to the board for registration as an intern, -
- (a) in the case of a person who commences internship training at an approved training facility, within one month following the commencement of such training; or
  - (b) in the case of a person who, on the date of publication of these regulations, had already commenced training as an intern at an approved training facility, within one month after the date of publication of these regulations.

**Information to be submitted to the Board**

4. A person referred to in regulation 2 must -
- (a) submit his or her application for registration as an intern to the Board on an application form supplied by the Board, and duly completed;
  - (b) submit proof that he or she holds a qualification:
    - (i) prescribed in terms of section 24 of the Act; or
    - (ii) accepted by the Board in terms of section 25 of the Act;
  - (c) submit proof of admission to an approved training facility to which he or she was admitted to undergo training as an intern and must notify the Board in writing and in advance if he or she intends to change from that approved training facility to another approved training facility; and
  - (d) pay the applicable registration fee.

**Conditions of internship training**

5. (1) Internship training must be of not less than twelve months' duration and, where it is broken or interrupted, it must consist of periods which, when added together, are not less than twelve months in total, including vacation leave not exceeding one month's duration per annum, and sick leave not exceeding 12 working days per annum, and must comply with criteria laid down by the board from time to time.
- (2) If a break or interruption in internship training, excluding leave referred to in subregulation (1) exceeds a period of three months, the period of internship training prior to such break or interruption shall not be recognized as part of completed internship training.
- (3) The period of twelve months of internship training referred to in regulation (1) must be completed within a period of two years from the date of registration as an intern.
- (4) If an intern does not complete his or her internship training within a period of two years, his or her registration in terms of the Act must expire, unless he or she provides the Board with satisfactory reasons as to why his or her registration should be extended.
- (5) The training must be undertaken by an intern in a facility approved by the board.
- (6) If a facility referred to in subregulation (5) is not available, the Board may, at its discretion, approve alternative training which in the Board's opinion is equivalent to training at a facility approved by the Board.
- (7) When approving alternative training in terms of subregulation (6), the Board may stipulate that only a portion of an intern's training may be undertaken at that facility, and that the remainder may be undertaken at another approved facility.

- (8) If internship training at an approved training facility is considered by the Board for any reason to be inadequate or unsatisfactory, the Board may-
- (a) withdraw its approval of the facility and inform any interns at that facility accordingly in writing and advise such interns to undertake internship training at another approved training facility for the remaining period; or
  - (b) in the case where an internship has already been completed by an intern, but considered inadequate or unsatisfactory by the Board, extend the period of internship for such intern and require them to complete the extended period at another approved training facility.

#### **Duty certificate as proof of training**

6. (1) An intern must, upon completion of internship training, submit an intern duty certificate to the satisfaction of the Board to certify that he or she has satisfactorily undertaken internship training as required by the Board and such certificate is a precondition for registration as an Arts Therapist in the category of Drama.
- (2) The intern duty certificate referred to in subregulation (1) must be issued by the head of an approved training facility where an intern successfully undertook internship training.

#### **Penalties for late registration**

7. Where an application for registration of an intern referred in regulation 4 is submitted after the date specified in regulation 3, such application must be subject to any applicable late registration fees in respect of each month or part of a month by which the application is submitted after the due date.

#### **Short Title**

8. These Regulations are called Regulations Relating to the Registration of Intern Arts Therapists in Drama, 2022.