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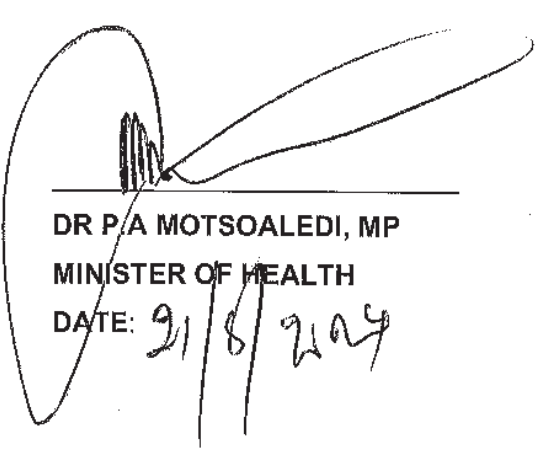
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HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO.56 OF 1974)

REGULATIONS DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROFESSION OF ORTHOPAEDIC
FOOTWEAR TECHNICIANS

The Minister of Health has, 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, made the Regulations in the Schedule.



DR P.A. MOTSOALEDI, MP
MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE:

21/8/2024

SCHEDULE

Definitions

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

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

“Specialised Orthopaedic footwear devices/surgical boots” means therapeutic shoes including but not limited to custom-made and surgical footwear, shoe modifications made for therapeutic purposes, partial foot prosthesis and foot orthoses.

Acts pertaining to the profession of orthopaedic footwear technicians.

2. The following are acts pertaining to the profession of orthopaedic footwear technicians:-
 - (a) The implementation of the treatment plan based on an assessment by the Medical Orthotist and Prosthetist to design and manufacture specialised orthopaedic footwear to alleviate limitations and enhance function;
 - (b) The custom manufacturing process for the specialised orthopaedic footwear which includes:
 - (i) Measuring and casting for the specialised orthopaedic footwear orthoses;
 - (ii) Modification and/or rectification of the specialised orthopaedic footwear orthoses;
 - (iii) Material selection to use for the specialised orthopaedic footwear orthoses; and
 - (iv) Fabrication of the specialised orthopaedic footwear orthoses using

specialised techniques such as molding, blocking and lasting within an orthopaedic laboratory;

- (c) Management of patients with orthopaedic footwear or surgical boot needs;
- (d) Providing patient care and services under the direction and supervision of a Medical Orthotist and Prosthetist;
- (e) Providing specialised orthopaedic footwear device and surgical boot for the prevention and improvement of painful and disabling conditions of the foot and ankle, this includes patient measurements, implementation of the treatment plan, manufacturing of the orthopaedic footwear and surgical boots, manufacturing of the orthopaedic footwear device, fitting of the orthopaedic footwear device and follow-up on the fitting of the footwear device; and
- (f) The assessment and formulation of the treatment plan falls outside the scope of the profession of orthopaedic footwear technicians.

Repeal

3. The Regulations defining the scope of the profession of Orthopaedic Footwear Technicians as published under Government Notice No. R2263 in *Regulation Gazette No. 4136* of 9 October 1987 are hereby repealed.

Short title

4. These Regulations are called Regulations Defining the Scope of the Profession of Orthopaedic Footwear Technicians, 2024.

DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID

NO. 5363

4 Oktober 2024

WET OP GESONDHEIDSBEROEPE, 1974 (WET NO.56 VAN 1974)

REGULASIES TER OMSKRYWING VAN DIE BESTEK VAN DIE PROFESSIE VAN
ORTOPEDIESE-SKOEISELTEGNICI

Die Minister van Gesondheid het, ingevolge artikel 33(1) van die Wet op Gesondheidsberoepe, 1974 (Wet No. 56 van 1974), en op aanbeveling van die Gesondheidsberoeperaad van Suid-Afrika en die Professionele Raad vir Beroepsterapie, Mediese Ortotiste/Protetiste, die regulasies in die Bylae uitgevaardig.



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DATUM:

21/8/2024

BYLAE**Woordomskrywings**

1. In hierdie regulasies het enige woord of uitdrukking waaraan 'n betekenis in die Wet toegeskryf is, daardie betekenis, tensy dit uit die samehang anders blyk, en beteken—

“die Wet” die Wet op Gesondheidsberoep, 1974 (Wet No. 56 van 1974); en

“gespesialiseerde ortopediese toestelle / chirurgiese stewels” terapeutiese skoeisel, met inbegrip van maar nie beperk nie tot, gepasmaakte en chirurgiese skoeisel, skoenmodifiserings wat vir terapeutiese doeleindes aangebring is, gedeeltelike voetprotheses en voetortoses.

Wet wat wat op ortopediese-skoeiseltegnici betrekking het

2. Die volgende is handeling wat op die professie van ortopedieseskoiseltegnici betrekking het:

- (a) Die inwerkingstelling van die behandelingsplan op grond van 'n assessering deur die Mediese Ortosis en Protetis om gespesialiseerde ortopediese skoeisel te ontwerp en te vervaardig ten einde beperkings te verlig en funksionering te verbeter;
- (b) Die gepasmaakte vervaardigingsproses vir die gespesialiseerde skoeisel wat die volgende insluit:
 - (i) Meting en gieting vir die gespesialiseerde ortopediese skoenortoses,
 - (ii) Verstelling en/of regstelling van die gespesialiseerde ortopediese skoenortoses,
 - (iii) Kies van materiaal vir die gespesialiseerde ortopediese skoenortoses,en

- (iv) Vervaardiging van die gespesialiseerde ortopediese skoenortoses met gebruik van gespesialiseerde tegnieke soos gieting, bloklaswerk en laswerk in 'n ortopediese laboratorium;
- (c) Bestuur van pasiënte met behoeftes aan ortopediese skoeisel of chirurgiese stewels;
- (d) Voorsiening van pasiëntsorg en -dienste onder leiding en toesig van 'n Mediese Ortosis en Protetis;
- (e) Voorsiening van gespesialiseerde ortopedieseskoeiseltoestel en chirurgiese stowel vir die voorkoming en verbetering van pynlike en belemmerende toestande van die voet en enkel, met inbegrip van neem van afmetings van pasiënte, inwerkingstelling van die behandelingsplan, vervaardiging van die ortopediese skoeisel en chirurgiese stewels, vervaardiging van die ortopedieseskoeiseltoestel, passing van die ortopedieseskoeiseltoestel en opvolging op die passing van die skoeiseltoestel; en
- (f) Die assessering en formulering van die behandelingsplan val buite die bestek van die professie van ortopedieseskoeiseltegnici.

Herroeping

3. Die regulasies ter omskrywing van die bestek van die professie van Ortopediese Skoeiseltegnici soos afgekondig in Goewermentskennigsgewing No. 2263 in *Regulasiestaatskoerant* No. 4136 van 9 Oktober 1987, word hierby herroep.

Kort titel

4. Hierdie regulasie heet die Regulasies ter Omskrywing van die Bestek van die Professie van Ortopediese Skoeiseltegnici, 2024.