

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

## REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONS BOARD

The Minister of Health intends, under section 15(4) 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 X399, 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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MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE:

13/11/2024

## SCHEDULE

### Definitions

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

**“designated groups”** means black people, women and persons with disabilities who, for the purposes of these regulations, shall be protected and advanced in the following order of the levels of disadvantage of the past, which must be taken into consideration in the appointment process:

- (a) women;
- (b) men of African, Asian or coloured descent; and
- (c) disabled persons, irrespective of descent;

**“professional board”** means the Medical and Dental Professions Board established in terms of section 15 of the Act; and

**“the Act”** means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) as amended by Act No.29 of 2007.

### Constitution of the board

2. The professional board shall consist of the following 36 members appointed by the Minister and who permanently reside in South Africa: -
  - (a) ten medical practitioners, of whom at least three must be from designated groups who must be appointed on the basis of nominations by persons permanently residing in the Republic of South Africa and whose names appear in the register of medical practitioners
  - (b) six specialists in medicine, of whom at least three must be from designated groups who must be appointed on the basis of nominations by persons

permanently residing in the Republic of South Africa and whose names appear in the register of medical practitioners

- (c) three dentists, of whom at least two shall be from designated groups, who must be appointed on the basis of nominations by persons permanently residing in the Republic of South Africa and whose names appear in the register of dentists;
- (d) three specialists in dentistry, of whom at least one (1) must be from designated groups who must be appointed on the basis of nominations by persons permanently residing in the Republic of South Africa and whose names appear in the register of dental practitioners;
- (e) one person whose name appears on the register of medical scientists appointed on the basis of nominations by person permanently residing in the Republic of South Africa and whose names appear in the register of medical scientists;
- (f) two medical practitioner who must be appointed on the recommendation by Universities South Africa to represent universities with faculties or schools of medicine;
- (g) one dentist who must be appointed on the recommendation by Universities South Africa to represent universities with faculties or schools of dentistry;
- (h) one person representing the Colleges of medicine, who shall be recommended by the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA)
- (i) one person representing the Department of Health;
- (j) one clinical associate from designated groups who must be appointed on the basis of nominations by persons permanently residing in the Republic of South Africa and whose names appear in the register of clinical associates; and
- (k) seven community representatives, one of whom shall be person with financial knowledge/skills, and one of whom shall be a person versed in law.

**Repeal**

3. The Regulations relating to the Constitution of a Medical and Dental Professional Board published under Government Notice No. R. 1252 in published Government Gazette No. 31633 of 28 November 2008 are hereby repealed.

**Short title**

4. These Regulations are called Regulations Relating to the Constitution of the Medical and Dental Professions Board, 2024.