DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NO. 8010 **16 October 2026**

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

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF DENTAL ASSISTANTS: AMENDMENT

The Acting Minister of Health has, under section 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) and on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

MS ST NDABENI, MP
ACTING MINISTER OF HEALTH
DATE: 19/09/2026

SCHEDULE

Definitions

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

"**the regulations**" means the regulations relating to the qualifications for registration of dental assistants as published under Government Notice R338 in *Government Gazette* 27464 of 15 April 2005 as amended by Government Notices R580 in Government Gazette No 31084 of 30 May 2008, R120 in Government Gazette No. 35045 of 14 February 2012, and R332 in Government Gazette No. 40772 of 07 April 2017, and R1838 in Government Gazette No 46000 of 04 March 2022.

Amendment of regulation 2 of the regulations

2. Regulation 2 of the regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for sub regulation (2) of the following sub regulation:-

"(2) Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in these regulations, any person who worked as a dental assistant, prior to the date of publication of this amendment, may apply to the Board for registration as a dental assistant, and the Board may exempt such person from the requirements of sub-regulation (1)."

Short title

3. These Regulations are called the Regulations relating to the Qualifications for Registration of Dental Assistants: Amendment, 2026