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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

No. R. 266

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF ORAL HYGIENISTS

The Minister of Health intends, in terms of section 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and on the recommendations of 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 in writing on the proposed regulations to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag x828, Pretoria, 0001 (for attention of the Director: Public Entities Governance and Management) within three months from date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this Schedule, "**the Act**" means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have that meaning, unless the context otherwise indicates—

"**board**" means the Professional Board for Dental Therapy and Oral Hygiene established in terms of section 15(1) of the Act;

"**examination**" means an assessment of competency conducted by examiners appointed by the board;

"**independent practice**" means the practice of a health practitioner who practices for his or her own account, either in solus practice, as a partnership,

as an associate in an association with other practitioners, or as a director of a company established in terms of section 54A of the Act;

“oral hygienist” means a person registered as such in terms of the Act; and

“supervised practice” means the practicing of health profession under the supervision of an appropriately qualified health practitioner.

Qualifications for Registration

2. The qualifications required for registration as an oral hygienist in terms of the Act shall be as specified below:

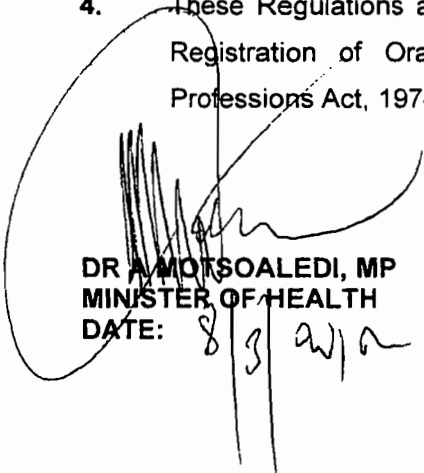
| <i>Examining authority and qualification</i> | <i>Abbreviation for registration</i> |
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| University of Limpopo (formerly MEDUNSA) | |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene | Dip Oral Hygiene - Limpopo |
| Bachelor in Oral Hygiene | B Oral Hyg - Limpopo |
| University of Kwazulu-Natal (formerly University of Durban-Westville) | |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene | Dip Oral Hygiene - Kwazulu-Natal B B |
| Bachelor in Oral Health | B Oral Health - Kwazulu-Natal |
| University of Pretoria | |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene | Dip Oral Hygiene – Pret |
| University of Stellenbosch | |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene (if obtained prior to 2004) | Dip Oral Hygiene – Stell |
| University of Western Cape | |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene | Dip Oral Hygiene – Western Cape |
| Baccalaureus Sanitatis Oris | B San Or – Western Cape |
| University of the Witwatersrand | |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene | Dip Oral Hygiene – Wits |

Registration categories for the registration of oral hygienists

3. The registrar may register a person as an oral hygienist in one of the following categories—
- (a) Supervised Practice if such a person has obtained qualifications referred to in regulation 2;
 - (b) Independent Practice if such a person has—
 - (i) Obtained any of the qualifications referred to in regulation 2, and if obtained prior to 2001, must have also obtained a further qualification in expanded clinical functions in oral hygiene offered by any of the examining authorities referred to in regulation 2;
 - (ii) Obtained any of the qualifications referred to in regulation 2 and practiced under supervised practice for a period of at least one year;
 - (iii) Successfully completed First Aid Level 3 training at a training institution approved by Health and Welfare SETA.

Short title

4. These Regulations are called Regulations Relating to the Qualifications for Registration of Oral Hygienists, 2012, made in terms of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974).



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MINISTER OF HEALTH
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