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**HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA****REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS, UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULA AND PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS IN DENTISTRY**

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 61(1), of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

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## CHAPTER 1

### Definitions

1. In these regulations "the Act" means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall bear that meaning and, unless inconsistent with the context-

**"accreditation"** means the process conducted by an external and impartial body approved by the board to grant recognition and approval to the academic and training standards and professional programme of studies of educational institutions or training facilities;

**"approved"** in relation to an education institution or qualification, means an institution, facility or qualification which has been granted recognition and approval by the board following an evaluation process as prescribed by the board;

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

**"curricula"** means the academic programmes outlining the academic learning, clinical training and development of skills as well as the integration of the students professional attitude and conduct;

**"degree"** means a university degree in dentistry recognized by the board in terms of section 24 of the Act for registration as a dental practitioner;

**"graduate"** means a student in dentistry who has successfully completed the curricula and obtained a qualification at an approved educational institution;

**"student"** means a person registered as such with the council in terms of the Act;

**"dental practitioner"** means a person registered as such with the council in terms of the Act;

**"programme"** means the collective set of activities and assessments through which the curriculum is delivered.

## CHAPTER 1

## REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS IN DENTISTRY

**2. Registration as a student in dentistry**

- (1) A student at an approved educational institution, shall submit to the registrar an application for registration as a student in dentistry on a form provided for by the board in accordance with the provisions of sub-regulation (2), and -
  - (a) in the case of a student enrolling at an approved educational institution in his or her first year of study, within four months of such enrolment; or
  - (b) in the case of a student who has been exempted from the first or second year of study, within four months of such enrolment in the second or third year of study respectively.
- (2) An application by a student for registration as a student in dentistry shall be accompanied by-
  - (a) such student's identity document or birth certificate or, if the student is unable to furnish either of these documents, such other proof of his or her age and correct names as may be acceptable to the registrar;
  - (b) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced study in a subject or subjects in an approved educational institution, which certificate shall specify the year of study and the date on which the student enrolled; and
  - (c) the prescribed registration fee.
- (3) An application for registration as a student in dentistry by a visiting student from a country other than South Africa who has been admitted to an approved educational institution for non-degree purposes for a period not exceeding one academic year, shall be accompanied by-
  - (a) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced such study;
  - (b) proof of registration as a student in dentistry by a recognized registering authority in a country or state other than South Africa; and
  - (c) the prescribed registration fee.

- (4) A student in medicine who wishes to be registered as a student in dentistry, shall submit an application for registration as such within four months of commencing study in dentistry at an approved educational institution.
- (5) An application referred to in sub-regulation (4) shall be accompanied by –
  - (a) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced such study;
  - (b) the initial original registration certificate as a student in medicine issued by the registrar; and
  - (c) the prescribed registration fee.
- (6) A student in dentistry, who resumes his or her studies after interrupting them for at least one year, shall submit an application for re-registration within four months of resuming such study.
- (7) An application referred to in sub-regulation (6) shall be accompanied by a certificate to prove that such student has resumed such study; the initial original certificate of registration issued by the registrar; and the prescribed registration fee.
- (8) Subject to the provisions of regulation 3(3), the name of a student in dentistry who interrupted his or her studies for more than one year, but who indicates annually in writing his or her intention to continue with his or her studies, shall not be removed from the register.
- (9) A student registered with the council as a student in medicine who discontinued his or her studies and whose name was consequently removed from the register of students in medicine and who applies for registration as a student in dentistry, shall submit an application to be registered as such within four months of commencing his or her study in dentistry.
- (10) An application referred to in sub-regulation (9) shall be accompanied by -
  - (a) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced such study;
  - (b) the initial original registration certificate as a student in medicine issued by the registrar; and
  - (c) the prescribed registration fee.

- (11) A student who applies for registration in terms of sub-regulations (4), (6) or (9) and who is unable to submit the initial original registration certificate, shall apply for a certified extract from the register, for which the prescribed fee shall be payable.
- (12) An application, together with the applicable documents and fees referred to in sub-regulations (2), (3), (5), (7) or (9), submitted after the period of four months stated in such regulations (1), (4), (6) and (9), as the case may be, shall be subject to the prescribed penalty fee for late registration in respect of each month or portion of a month for which it is submitted after the due date.
- (13) No student shall be registered or re-registered as a student in dentistry unless he or she has complied in all respects with the requirements of sub-regulation (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) or (10) as the case may be, and those of sub-regulation (12), where applicable.
- (14) The registrar shall, upon registration, furnish a person registered as a student in dentistry with a registration certificate.
- (15) Should a student in dentistry change from one educational institution to another during the course of his or her study, the board shall be advised within four months of such change.

### **3. Information to be submitted to the board**

- (1) An approved educational institution in South Africa, shall submit to the board within four months after registration of each year –
  - (a) a list of all students in dentistry enrolled for that year; and
  - (b) a list of all students in dentistry who have discontinued their studies during the preceding year.
- (2) The lists referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall include students in dentistry's full names, the year of study and, where applicable, the date of discontinuation of study.
- (3) Together with the lists referred to in sub-regulation (1), an approved educational institution shall submit-