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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

No. R. 481

20 May 2005

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF SPEECH THERAPISTS, SPEECH THERAPISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS, AND AUDIOLOGISTS AND HEARING AID ACOUSTICIANS

The Minister of Health intends, in terms of section 61(1) read with section 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No 56 of 1974), in 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: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for attention of the Director: Human Resource Development), within one month of the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

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

“audiologist” means a person registered as such in terms of the Act;

“board” means the professional board for speech, language and hearing professions established in terms of section 15 (1) of the Act, as published by Government Notice No. R. 75 of January 1998;

“examination” means an examination conducted by an educational institution approved by the board or an examiner appointed by the board;

“hearing aid acoustician” means a person registered as such in terms of the Act;

“independent practice” means the practising of the profession of speech therapy, or speech therapy and audiology, or audiology and hearing aid acoustics by a health professional for his/her own account, either in *solus* practice, or as a partner in a partnership, or as an associate in an association with other health practitioners, or as a director of a company established in terms of section 51A of the Act;

“public service” means a service rendered by the State at the national, provincial and local level of government, and includes organizations which function under the auspices or are largely subsidized by the State or recognized by the professional board for the purpose of these regulations;

“section” means a section of the Act;

“speech therapist” means a person registered as such in terms of the Act; and

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

Requirements for registration

- The registrar may register as a speech therapist, or a speech therapist and audiologist, or an audiologist and a hearing aid acoustician respectively, any person who obtained one of the qualifications specified below:

Examining authority and qualification

Abbreviation for registration

SPEECH THERAPIST

University of Cape Town

Bachelor of Science (Speech Language Pathology)

BSc (Speech Lang Path) Cape Town

Bachelor of Science Speech Language Pathology (Conversion)

BSc (Speech Lang Path) Conversion Cape Town

University of Durban-Westville

Bachelor of Communication Pathology (Speech Language Pathology)

B Comm Path (Speech Lang Path) Durban-Westville

University of Pretoria

Bachelor of Communication Pathology (Speech Language Pathology)

B Comm Path (Speech Lang Path) Pretoria

University of Stellenbosch

Bachelor of Speech Language and Hearing Therapy

B (Sp & H Therapy) Stellenbosch

University of the Witwatersrand

Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing Therapy

BA (Sp & H Therapy) Wits

SPEECH THERAPIST AND AUDIOLOGIST**Medical University of Southern Africa**

Bachelor of Speech Language Pathology and
Audiology

B Speech Lang Path & Audiology
MEDUNSA

University of Pretoria

B Communication Pathology (Speech
Language Pathology and Audiology)

B Comm Path (Sp Lang Path &
Aud) Pretoria

AUDIOLOGIST**University of Cape Town**

Bachelor of Science (Audiology)

BSc (Audiology) Cape Town

University of Durban-Westville

Bachelor of Communication Pathology
(Audiology)

B Comm Path (Audiology) Durban-
Westville

University of Pretoria

B Communication Pathology (Audiology)

B Comm Path (Audiology) Pretoria

HEARING AID ACOUSTICIAN**University of Pretoria**

Advanced Diploma in Hearing Aid Acoustics

Adv Dip Hearing Aid Acoustics
Pretoria

3. Any South African qualification previously recognized or approved by the board for registration as a speech therapist, or a speech therapist and audiologist, or an audiologist as contained in Board Notice No. R.1865 of 16 September 1977, as amended, shall continue to be recognized or approved for persons who prior to the date of publication of this Notice held such qualifications and complied with the prescribed requirements for registration.

Registration categories for the registration of speech therapists, speech therapists and audiologists, and audiologists and hearing aid acousticians

4. (1) The registrar may register an applicant as a speech therapist, or a speech therapist and audiologist, or an audiologist or a hearing aid acoustician in any one of the following registration categories:
- (a) public service;
 - (b) independent practice;
- (2) The registrar may register a person as a speech therapist, or speech therapist and audiologist, or audiologist and hearing aid acoustician in the category **public service** if such a person-
- (a) holds a qualification referred to in regulation 2 or 3; or
 - (b) performs community service in terms of section 24A of the Act.
- (3) The registrar may register a person as a speech therapist, or speech therapist and audiologist, or audiologist and hearing aid acoustician in the category **independent practice** if such a person holds a qualification referred to in regulation 2 or 3 and has complied with requirement of community service in terms of section 24A of the Act.



MINISTER OF HEALTH

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