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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

No. 10 2021

REGULATIONS RELATING TO SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF HEARING AID ACOUSTICIAN: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 2004

Under section 55 of the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004), and on the recommendation of the Allied Health Professions Council of Namibia, I have made the regulations set out in the Schedule.

DR. K. SHANGULA
MINISTER OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 18 January 2021

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations, a word or expression defined in the Act has that meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates -

“health practitioner” means a person registered or enrolled under the -

- (a) Social Work and Psychology Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004);
- (b) Allied Health Professions Act 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004);
- (c) Nursing Act, 2004 (Act No. 8 of 2004);
- (d) Pharmacy Act, 2004 (Act No. 9 of 2004); or
- (e) Medical and Dental Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004);

“hearing aid” means an electronic or other device for amplifying sound to the ear of a hearing-impaired person;

“hearing screening” means the assessment, which includes otoscopic examination, screening tympanometry and performing an air conduction pure tone sweep at 500, 1000, 2000 and 4000 Hz at 20dBHL in either ear in an acoustically appropriate screening environment, of potential hearing loss; and

“the Act” means the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004).

Scope of practice of hearing aid acoustician

2. (1) The scope of practice pertaining to a hearing aid acoustician is -

(a) the conducting of -

- (i) otoscopic examination;
- (ii) pure tone air conduction;
- (iii) pure tone bone conduction hearing tests;
- (iv) speech hearing tests;
- (v) tympanometry screening;
- (vi) comfortable and uncomfortable loudness levels test;
- (vii) subjective loudness tests;
- (viii) speech mapping; and
- (ix) *in-situ* measurements,

to determine the presence of hearing loss and where such hearing loss is detected, a hearing aid acoustician may determine whether to fit a hearing aid or if a referral to another practitioner is necessary;

- (b) selecting, fitting, repairing and dispensing of hearing aids;
- (c) taking of ear mould impressions and the manufacturing of ear moulds;
- (d) evaluating the effectiveness of hearing aid fittings by means of an assessment and *in-situ* measurements in the ear; and

- (e) hearing screening.
- (2) A hearing aid acoustician may -
 - (a) refer patients to another health practitioner for examining or treatment; and
 - (b) fit hearing aids on children under the age of seven years, if such practitioner has undergone the necessary training and assessment requirements and has registered an additional qualification in paediatric acoustics.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELLORS: SOCIAL WORK AND PSYCHOLOGY ACT, 2004

Under section 56 of the Social Work and Psychology Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004), on the recommendation of the Social Work and Psychology Council of Namibia, I have amended the Regulations published under Government Notice No. 31 of 6 March 2009, as set out in the Schedule.

DR. K. SHANGULA

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 18 January 2021

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Regulations Relating to Scope of Practice of Psychological Counsellors, published under Government Notice No. 31 of 6 March 2009.

Addition of regulation 4 in Regulations

2. The Regulations are amended by the addition of the following regulation after regulation 3:

“Performing of professional acts by psychological counsellor intern in the profession of psychology

4. A psychological counsellor intern in the profession of psychology may perform, as part of his or her internship, on the instructions and under the direct supervision of a clinical psychologist or an educational psychologist, any of the acts prescribed by regulation 2.”
