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

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL  
SCIENTISTS**

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

**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—

**“accredited educational institution”** means an institution which has been granted recognition by the board after an evaluation process for the teaching and training of medical scientists;

**“board”** means the Medical and Dental Professions Board established in terms of section 15(1) of the Act;

**“examination”** means an assessment of competency conducted by an educational institution accredited by the board or examiners appointed by the board;

**“medical scientist”** means a person registered as such in terms of the Act;

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

**Requirements for registration as a medical scientist**

2. The registrar may register as a medical scientist any person who:
  - (a) holds a Bachelor of Science honours degree or an equivalent degree, which includes a research component and principles of scientific methodology, from an accredited educational institution;
  - (b) has completed internship training of twenty-four (24) months at an internship training facility accredited by the board; and
  - (c) has been successful in an examination as determined by the board for the purpose of registration.

**Registration categories for the registration of medical scientists**

4. The registrar may register a person as a medical scientist in one of the following disciplines—
  - (a) Medical Biological Science;
  - (b) Genetic Counseling; or
  - (c) Medical Physics
5. Medical scientists registered in the discipline medical biological science may, in addition, be registered in professional categories as determined by the board from time to time.

**Repeal**

6. The regulations promulgated as Government Notices Nos. R.452 of 1978; R.2783 of 1990 and R.456 of 1991, are hereby repealed.

**Short title**

7. These Regulations are called Regulations relating to the Qualifications for Registration of Medical Scientists, 2009, made in terms of the Health Professions Act, 1974.