

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ORAL HYGIENISTS

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The South African Medical and Dental Council hereby makes the following rules in terms of [section 32](#) (1) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974):

1. The council may register as an oral hygienist any applicant who has obtained after examination any of the following qualifications

Examining authority and qualification

Abbreviation for registration

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Medical University of Southern Africa

Diploma in Oral Hygiene
Bachelor in Oral Hygiene

Dip Oral Hygiene Medunsa
B Oral Hyg Medunsa

University of Durban-Westville

Diploma in Oral Hygiene
Bachelor in Oral Health

Dip Oral Hygiene Durban-Westville
B Oral Health Durban-Westville

University of Pretoria

Diploma in Oral Hygiene

Dip Oral Hygiene Pret

University of Stellenbosch

Diploma in Oral Hygiene

Dip Oral Hygiene Stell

University of Western Cape

Diploma in Oral Hygiene
Baccalaureus Sanitatis Oris

Dip Oral Hygiene Western Cape
B San Or Western Cape

University of Witwatersrand

Diploma in Oral Hygiene

Dip Oral Hygiene Witwatersrand

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The qualification in dental hygiene granted by institutions in the United States of America and Canada fully accredited by the American Dental Association

The abbreviation used by the institution concerned.

UNITED KINGDOM

“Central Examining Board for Dental Hygienists, London

*Certificate of Proficiency in Dental Hygiene

Cert of Proficiency in Dental Hygiene Central Examining Board for Hygienists, London”

* If obtained prior to 1 January 1979

[Rule 1 amended by Gen N 847/82, Gen N 119/83 and Gen N 832/84]

2. The council may register as an oral hygienist any person who passed an examination in oral hygiene conducted by the council in terms of [section 32](#) of the Act.
[Rule 2 amended by BN 31/96]
3. Where, in the case of an application for registration, the qualification on which the application is based has not already been approved by the council, the applicant shall be required to cause the Professional Board for Oral Hygiene and the council to be furnished with authoritative information as to the training required for such qualification, whereupon, if the standard of such training is considered satisfactory by the council, such qualification may be approved.