

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS AS GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AND FAMILY PHYSICIANS IN MEDICINE

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The Minister of Health has, in terms of [section 24](#) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

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Definitions

1. In these regulations any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall bear such meaning and unless the context otherwise indicates -

"Annexure" means an annexure to these regulations;

"board" means the Medical and Dental Professional Board established by Government Notice No. R.75 of 16 January 1998;

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

2. The Board may register a person in the relevant category in terms of the Act as a general practitioner or family physician in medicine if he or she holds a qualification and complies with the other requirements for such registration as set out in regulations 3 and 4 hereof respectively.

Registration as a medical practitioner in the category independent practice (general practitioner)

3. (1) A person holding a qualification listed in Annexure A shall be entitled to obtain registration under the Act as a medical practitioner in the category independent practice (general practitioner) if he or she has, before or in connection with or after obtaining the qualification concerned, complied with the requirements of subregulations (2) and (3).
- (2) The holder of a qualification referred to in subregulation (1) shall first have been registered under the Act as -
- (a) a medical student and shall have completed the prescribed education and training as a medical student;
 - (b) an intern in medicine and shall have completed the prescribed training as such an intern; and
 - (c) a medical practitioner to perform community service as prescribed in terms of [section 24A](#) of the Act and shall have completed such service.
- (3) The holder of a qualification referred to in subregulation (1) shall -
- (a) submit his or her application in terms of [section 17](#) of the Act for registration as a medical practitioner in the category independent practice (general practitioner) to the board on an application form supplied by the board and duly completed;
 - (b) on completion thereof, submit a report issued by the relevant health authority as evidence that he or she has satisfactorily completed community service; and
 - (c) pay the prescribed fee.

Registration as a medical practitioner in the category independent practice (family physician)

4. (1) A person holding a qualification listed in Annexure B shall be entitled to obtain registration under the Act as a medical practitioner in the category independent practice (family physician) if he or she has, before or in connection with or after obtaining the qualification concerned, complied with the requirements of subregulations (2).and (3).
- (2) The holder of a qualification referred to in subregulation (1) shall -
- (a) first have been registered under the Act as a medical practitioner in the category independent practice (general practitioner);

- (b) subsequently have completed the programme of vocational training which the relevant faculty of medicine or health sciences prescribed as part of the course in family medicine of that faculty.
- (3) The holder of a qualification referred to in subregulation (1) shall -
 - (a) submit his or her application in terms of [section 17](#) of the Act for registration as a medical practitioner in the category independent practice (family physician) to the board on an application form supplied by the board and duly completed;
 - (b) submit a certificate issued by the relevant faculty of medicine or health sciences as evidence that he or she has satisfactorily completed the prescribed programme of vocational training in family medicine; and
 - (c) pay the prescribed fee.

Repeal

- 5. The regulations published under Government Notice No. R. 1243 of 8 June 1990, as amended by Government Notices Nos. R.261 of 15 February 1991, R.2514 of 11 September 1992, R.1320 of 23 July 1993, R.243 of 11 February 1994, R.834 of 29 April 1994 and R.1213 of 26 July 1996, are hereby repealed.

ANNEXURE A

**University or examining authority
Abbreviation for
and qualification registration**

Medical University of Southern Africa

Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of SurgeryMB ChB Medunsa

University of Cape Town

Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of SurgeryMB ChB Cape Town

University of Natal

Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of SurgeryMB ChB Natal

University of the Orange Free State

Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of SurgeryMB ChB Orange Free
State

University of Pretoria

Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of SurgeryMB ChB Pret

University of Stellenbosch

Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of SurgeryMB ChB Stell

University of Transkei

Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of SurgeryMB ChB Unitra

University of the Witwatersrand

Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of SurgeryMB BCh Witwatersrand

ANNEXURE B

**University or examining authority
Abbreviation for
and qualification
registration**

(a) South Africa

College of Family Practitioners of South Africa

Fellow of the College of Family Practitioners of South AfricaFCFP (SA)

College of Medicine of South Africa

Membership of the Faculty of General PracticeMFGP (SA)
Membership of the College of Family PractitionersMCFP (SA)

Medical University of Southern Africa

Master of Medicine (Family Medicine)M Prax Med Medunsa
Master of Family MedicineM Fam Med
Medunsa

University of Cape Town

Master in Philosophy (Family Medicine/Primary Care)M Phil (Fam
Med/Prim
Care) Cape Town
Master of Family MedicineM Fam Med Cape
Town

University of Limpopo

Master of Medicine (Family Medicine)M Med (Family Med)
Limpopo

University of Natal

Master of Medicine (Primary Care)M Prax Med Natal
Master of Family MedicineM Fam Med Natal

University of the Orange Free State

Master of Family Medicine M Fam Med Orange
Free
State

University of Pretoria

Master of Domestic MedicineM (Med Dom) Pret
Master of Family PracticeM.Prax Med Pret
Master in Medicine (Family Medicine)M Med (Fam Med)
Pret

University of Stellenbosch

Master of Family MedicineM Arts Med Stell
Master of Family MedicineM Fam Med Stell

University of Transkei

Master of Family MedicineM Fam Med Unitra

University of the Witwatersrand

Master of Family Medicine M Fam Med
Witwatersrand

*Master of Science in Medicine MSc (Med)
Witwatersrand
(If obtained in Family Medicine)

[Para. (a) amended by GN R637/2007]

(b) Outside South Africa

College of Family Physicians of Canada

Certificate in Family Medicine Cert Fam Med CFP
Canada

Royal College of General Practitioners

Member MRCGIP

Israel

Degree of Specialist in Family Medicine, Israel

The Netherlands

"Opleiding tot Huisarts" recognised by the "Huisarts Registratie Commissie, Koninklijke
Commissie, Koninklijke Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst"

University of Western Ontario

Master of Clinical Science in Family Medicine MCISc Fam Med
Western Ontario

MINISTER OF HEALTH

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