

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

## REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH REGISTERED ANAESTHETIST'S ASSISTANTS MAY PRACTISE THEIR PROFESSION

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The Minister of Health, on the recommendation of the South African Medical and Dental Council, hereby makes the following regulations in terms of [section 61](#) (1) (m) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), in substitution for the rules published under Government Notice R. 1637, dated 13 September 1974:

A registered anaesthetist's assistant shall not:

- (1) undertake any anaesthetic work except in a hospital or institution conducted or subsidised by a Government or provincial authority or such other hospital or institution as may be approved for the purpose by the council;
- (2) assist in the administration of anaesthetics except under the supervision and or the responsibility of a registered medical practitioner who shall not be a member of the surgical team and whose supervision shall be limited to not more than four anaesthetist's assistants simultaneously, depending on the circumstances;
- (3) under any circumstances be solely responsible for the conduct of an anaesthetic;
- (4) assist in the administration of an anaesthetic to more than one patient at a time;
- (5) for the purpose of obtaining work or of promoting his own professional interests, directly or indirectly advertise himself in any manner or procure, sanction or acquiesce in the publication of matter commanding or directing attention to his professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications or deprecating the professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications of any other registered person.