

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ANAESTHETIST'S ASSISTANTS

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The South African Medical and Dental Council hereby in terms of [section 32](#)(1) read with [section 61](#)-(4) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974), makes the rules contained in the Schedule hereto in substitution for the rules published under Notice R2361 of 1976, as amended by Notice R 457 of 1978.

SCHEDULE

1. The council may register as an anaesthetist's assistant any registered nurse who holds a school-leaving certificate (Standard 10) and who has obtained a qualification as an anaesthetist's assistant granted after examination by any institution or examining authority approved by resolution of the council from time to time as competent to grant such qualification: Provided that
 - (i) no qualification shall be accepted for the purpose of this rule unless the training therefor has extended over a minimum period of two years in a hospital or other institution approved by the council;
 - (ii) a registered general nurse in possession of an intensive nursing care certificate shall be exempted from 12 months' of the prescribed two years' training;
 - (iii) any person holding an approved qualification may be exempted or partially exempted at the discretion of the council from the prescribed two years' training;
 - (iv) a registered general nurse in possession of an intensive nursing care certificate shall be exempted from the requirement to hold a school-leaving certificate (Standard 10).

2. 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 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.