

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF LABORATORY ASSISTANTS

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The Minister of Health has, in terms of [section 24](#), read with [section 61\(1\)\(k\)](#), of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

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1. Definitions

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

“**board**” means the Professional Board for Medical Technology established in terms of [section 15\(1\)](#) of the Act;

“**examination**” means an examination conducted by an institution approved by the board or examiners appointed by the board;

“**laboratory assistant**” means a person registered as such in terms of [section 17](#) of the Act; and

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

2. Qualifications for registration

- (1) The qualifications required for registration as a laboratory assistant under the Act shall be as follows:

<i>Examining authority and qualification</i>	<i>Abbreviation for registration</i>
Society for Medical Laboratory Technologists of South Africa - Certificate in Laboratory Assistance	Cert in Lab Assistance SMLTSA

- (2) In the case of an application for registration that is based on previous experience, length of laboratory service and the recognition of prior learning gained prior to the date of publication of these regulations, an applicant shall furnish the board with authoritative information on the experience gained and a certificate of service by the

person under whose supervision the experience was gained and, if the standard of such qualification is considered satisfactory by the board, such qualification may be recognized by the board.

- (3) If the applicant's qualification referred to in subregulation (2) is recognized, such applicant shall undergo an examination in laboratory assistance conducted by the board in terms of [section 15B\(1\)\(b\)](#) of the Act and, if the applicant passes such examinations, the registrar may then register him or her as a laboratory assistant.

(Signed)

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