

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF REGISTERED COUNSELLORS

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The Minister of Health, has under [section 61](#) read with [sections 18](#), [24](#), [24A](#) and [25](#) 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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1. Definitions

In these regulations “the Act” means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and, any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates -

“**accredited facility**” means a hospital, clinic or a health care centre which has been approved by the board for the purpose of internship training,

“**applicant**” means a person who applies to register as a registered counsellor;

“**board**” means the Professional Board for Psychology established by Government Notice No. P.75 of 16 January 1998;

“**client cluster**” refers to all those individuals who are involved in presenting problems;

“**practice field**” means the area in which a registered counsellor may practise within the general scope of psychology in terms of his or her education and training within the limitations prescribed by the professional board;

“psychologist” means a person registered as such under this Act, and for the purpose of these regulations, also includes a registered counsellor, a psychometrist and a psychotechnician,

“registered counsellor” means a person who complies with the prescribed requirements for and holds registration as a registered counsellor in terms of these regulations; and

“section” means a section of the Act.

2. Establishment of a register for registered counsellors

In terms of the provisions of [section 18](#) of the Act, a register is hereby established for the profession of registered counsellor under the auspices of the board.

3. Requirements for registration as a registered counsellor

- (1) The board may register as a registered counsellor any applicant who satisfies the board that he or she complies with the requirements set out in these regulations.
- (2) A person referred to in subregulation (1) shall:
 - (a) hold an honours degree in psychology or a four year bachelor’s degree in psychology or any other qualification in psychology, the standard of which shall be recognised by the board for the purpose of registration as equivalent: Provided that any of the aforementioned qualifications shall entitle the holder thereof to registration as a registered counsellor and to practices in the specified practice field as approved by the board;
 - (b) provide proof of compliance with the minimum core competencies and proof of successful completion of internship training,
 - (c) provide proof of successful completion of the national board examination for registered counsellors conducted by or on behalf of the board.
- (3)
[Subreg. (3) withdrawn by GN R1073/2005]
- (4) The board shall from time to time establish practice fields in which a registered counsellor may be registered for the purpose of professional practice.

4. Registration of a person who does not fully comply with requirements

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these regulations, the board may register as a registered counsellor any person whose education and training has not fully complied with these regulations, if the board, after due enquiry, is satisfied that such a person is competent to practise as a registered counsellor in South Africa.

- (2) In the case of an application for registration as a registered counsellor based on a qualification which has not previously been, approved by the board, the applicant shall furnish the board with documentary proof as to the contents, duration and evaluation of the education and training which was required for such qualification whereupon, if the standard of such education and training is considered satisfactory by the board, such qualification may be approved, and the applicant granted registration as a registered counsellor in a specified practice field as approved by the board.
- (3) Should a person apply for registration as a registered counsellor in terms of subregulation (1), the board may, as part of such enquiry, appoint examiners to conduct an examination of such a person as provided for in [section 33](#)(3) of the Act.
- (4) Persons appointed by the board to conduct an examination in terms of subregulation (3) shall hold appropriate registration under the Act and experience as the board may require.

5. Application for registration

An application for registration as a registered counsellor shall be made on a, form obtainable from the board for that purpose and shall be accompanied by-

- (a) a certified copy of the applicant's identity document or such other proof of his or her age and correct names as may be acceptable to the registrar;
- (b) if not previously submitted, a copy, certified by a notary public, of the applicant's bachelor's or honours; or
- (c) if not previously submitted, a copy, certified by a notary public, of an equivalent qualification or qualifications approved by the board which the applicant holds; or
- (d) the prescribed registration fee.

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[Reg. 6 withdrawn by GN R1073/2005]

7. Application for restoration to the register

- (1) Any person whose name has been removed from the register of registered counsellors, may apply to the board to have his or her name restored to the register and such application shall be accompanied by -
 - (a) an application form for restoration to the register obtainable from the board, duly completed;
 - (b) the original registration certificate issued by the board or a certified copy thereof; and

- (c) the prescribed restoration fees.
- (2) Any applicant who applies to have his or her name restored to the register following a period more than two years during which the applicant was not registered, shall comply with the requirements which the board may determine before the restoration of his or her name to the register may be approved.

8. Registration certificate

- (1) The registrar shall issue a registration certificate to a registered counsellor who has been registered in terms of these regulations or whose name has been restored to the register of registered counsellors.
- (2) The certificate referred to in subregulation (1) shall be endorsed to reflect service to the public and the specified practice field approved by the board.

9. Repeal

The regulations published in the *Government Gazette* as Government Notice No. 553 of 22 June 2001 are hereby repealed.

(signed)
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