

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

## RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

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The South African Medical and Dental, Council hereby makes the following rules in terms of [section 32](#) (1) 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. 1695 dated 30 October 1964:

1. The council may register as an occupational therapist any applicant who has obtained after examination any of the following qualifications in occupational therapy: Provided-
  - (a) that the applicant obtained such qualification after the minimum period of thirty months full-time attendance at the institution granting the qualification; and
  - (b) further that from 1 January 1977 the applicant shall subsequent to having obtained such qualification have had at least six months practical experience in occupational therapy in a full-time capacity in a department of occupational therapy, approved by the council, under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist:

### Examining authority and qualification

### Abbreviation for registration

## REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

### *Department of National Education*

National Diploma in Occupational Therapy      Nat Dip Occup Ther (SA)

### *University of Cape Town*

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy      BSc (OT) Cape Town

### *University of Durban-Westville*

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy      B Occup Ther Durban-  
Westville

***Medical University of Southern Africa***

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy  
Diploma in Occupational Therapy

B Occup Ther Medunsa  
Dip Occup Ther Medunsa

***University of the Orange Free State***

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

B Occup Ther Orange Free  
State

***University of Pretoria***

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

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***University of Stellenbosch***

Diploma in Occupational Therapy  
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther Stell  
B Occup Ther Stell

***University of the Western Cape***

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

B Occup Ther Western Cape

***University of the Witwatersrand***

Diploma in Occupational Therapy  
  
Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup. Ther  
Witwatersrand  
BSc (OT) Witwatersrand

**AUSTRALIA*****Association of Occupational Therapists, New South Wales***

Diploma

Dip Assoc Occup Ther  
New South Wales

***Cumberland College of Health Sciences***

Bachelor of Applied Science in Occupational  
Therapy  
  
Diploma in Applied Science in Occupational  
Therapy

B Appl Sc (OT) Cumberland  
College Health Sciences  
Australia  
Dip Appl Sc (OT) Cumberland  
College Health Sciences  
Australia

***Lincoln Institute, Victoria***

Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational  
Therapy)

B Appl Sc (OT) Lincoln  
Institute

***Occupational Therapy School of Victoria***

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther Occup Ther  
School Victoria Australia

***Royal Perth Hospital School of Occupational Therapy***

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip in Occup Ther Royal

Perth Hosp School of  
Occupational Therapy

***University of Queensland***

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

B Sc (Occup. Ther)  
Queensland

***Western Australian Institute of Technology***

Associateship in Applied Science  
(Occupational Therapy)

A in Applied Science (Occup  
Ther) W Australian Inst of  
Tech

**AUSTRIA**

***School for Occupational and Working Therapy Services***

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip (Occup Ther) School for  
Occup & Working Ther  
Services Austria

**BELGIUM**

***Hoger Instituut voor Paramedische Beroepen Sint Vioventius- Gent***

Bachelor in Occupational Therapy

B Occup Ther Sint  
Vinorentius Gent

**CANADA**

***Laval University***

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

B Occup Ther-Laval

***McGill University***

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther McGill

***Mohawk College, Ontario***

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther Mohawk  
College

***University of Alberta***

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy  
Diploma in Occupational Therapy

BSc(OT) Alberta  
Dip Occup Ther Alberta

***University of British Columbia***

Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation

BSc (Rehabilitation) British  
Columbia

***University of Toronto***

Diploma in Physical and Occupational

Dip Physical and Occup Ther

Therapy

Toronto

*University of Western Ontario*

Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)

BSc (OT) Toronto

### FRANCE

*Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, France*

“Diplôme d'Etat d'Ergothérapeute”

Dip d'Etat Ergothér Lyon

*University of Montpellier*

“Diplome d'Etat Ergotherapeute”

Dip d'Etat Ergothér  
Montpellier

### GERMANY

State Certificate in Occupational Therapy

State Cert Occup The  
Germany

### INDIA

*University of Bombay*

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy

BSc (OT) Bombay

### ISRAEL

*Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

Bachelor in Occupational Therapy

B(OT) Hebrew Jerusalem

*School of Occupational Therapy*

Certificate

Cert Occup Ther Israel

### NAIROBI

*Medical Training College Nairobi*

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther Medical  
Training College Nairobi

### NETHERLANDS

*Netherlands Association for Occupational Therapy*

Diploma in Ergotherapy (Huizen/Bussum)

Dip Ergother Huizen

Diploma in Occupational Therapy  
(Amsterdam)

Dip Occup T Amsterdam

Diploma in Occupational Ergotherapy  
(Hoensbroek)

Dip Occup Ergother  
Hoensbroek

## NEW ZEALAND

### *Central Institute of Technology*

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip (Occup Ther) Central Inst  
Technology New Zealand

State Examination in Occupational Therapy

State Exam Occup Ther New  
Zealand

## PORTUGAL

### *School of Rehabilitation*

Diploma in Occupational Therapy\*

Dip Occup Ther School of  
Rehabilitation Portugal

\* The qualification will only be recognised if obtained subsequent to 1 June 1979; if obtained prior to that date, it will only be recognised if the council is satisfied as to the psychiatric clinical practice done under supervision by the applicant in obtaining the qualification.

## UNITED KINGDOM

### *Association of Occupational Therapists, Great Britain*

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther Great Britain

### *Astley Ainsley Hospital and School of Occupational Therapy, Scotland*

Certificate

Cert Occup Ther Scotland

### *College of Occupational Therapists, Great Britain*

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Coll Occup Ther Great  
Britain

### *Scottish Association of Occupational Therapists*

Diploma

Dip Assoc Occup Ther  
Scotland

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### *Boston University*

Master of Occupational Therapy

M OT Boston

### *Colorado State University*

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy

BSc Occup Ther Colorado  
State

### *Philadelphia School of Occupational Therapy*

Diploma in Occupational Therapy

Dip Occup Ther Philadelphia

***State University of New York***

Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)    BSc (OT) New York

***University of Florida***

Bachelor of Health Science in Occupational    B Health Sc (OT) Florida  
Therapy

***University of Puget Sound***

Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)    BSc (OT) Puget Sound

***Western Michigan University***

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy    BSc (OT) Western Michigan

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2. The council may register as an occupational therapist any person who passed an examination in occupational therapy conducted by the council in terms of [section 32](#) of the Act.
3. 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 Professional Board for Occupational Therapy and 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.