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HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY STUDENTS

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The Minister of Health has, in terms of [section 61](#)(1)(a)(i) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and after consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

1. Definitions

In these regulations “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 that meaning and, unless inconsistent with the context -

“accredited educational institution” means an educational institution accredited by the professional board to offer training and education in speech language therapy;

“professional board” means the Professions Board for Speech, Language and Hearing established in terms of [section 15](#) of the Act; and

“student” means a person studying speech language therapy at an accredited educational institution, or a person registered as a student in speech language therapy under the Act;

2. Registration as a student

- (1) A student shall submit to the registrar an application for registration as a student on a form provided for this purpose by the professional board in accordance with the provisions of sub-regulation (2)-
 - (a) in the case of a student enrolling at an accredited educational institution in his or her first year of study, within four months of such enrolment; or
 - (b) in the case of a student who has been exempted from the first or second year of study, within four months of such enrolment in the second or third year of study, respectively; or

- (c) in the case of a student who on the date of publication of these regulations has already commenced study at an accredited educational institution, within four months from date of publication of these regulations.
- (2) An application for registration as a student shall be accompanied by-
- (a) such student's identity document or birth certificate or, if the student is unable to furnish either of these documents, such other proof of his or her age and correct names as may be acceptable to the registrar;
 - (b) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced study in a subject or subjects at an accredited educational institution, which certificate shall specify the year of study and the date on which the student enrolled; and
 - (c) the registration fee.
- (3) An application for registration as a student by a visiting student from a country other than South Africa who has been admitted to an accredited educational institution for non-degree purposes for a period not exceeding one academic year, shall be accompanied by -
- (a) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced such study;
 - (b) proof of registration as a student in speech language therapy by a recognised registering authority in a country or state other than South Africa; and
 - (c) the registration fee.
- (4) A student who resume his or her studies after having interrupted such studies for at least one year, shall submit an application for re- registration within four months of resuming such study.
- (5) An application referred to in sub-regulation (4) shall be accompanied by -
- (a) a certificate to prove that such student has resumed such study;
 - (b) the original certificate of previous registration issued by the registrar; and
 - (c) the registration fee.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of regulation 3(3), the name of a student who interrupted his or her studies for more than one year, but who indicates annually in writing his or her intention to continue with his or her studies, shall not be removed from the register.

- (7) A student who applies for registration in terms of sub regulation (4) and who is unable to submit the original registration certificate, shall apply for a certified extract from the register, for which the prescribed fee shall be payable.
- (8) An application for registration, together with the applicable documents and fees, submitted after the prescribed period of four months, shall be subject to the prescribed penalty fee for late registration in respect of each month or portion of a month for which it is submitted after the due date.
- (9) No student shall be registered or re-registered as a student under the Act unless he or she has complied in all respects with the requirements of these regulations.
- (10) The registrar shall furnish a registered student with a registration certificate.
- (11) Should a student change from one educational institution or programme to another during the course of his or her study, the board shall be advised within four months of such change.

3. Information to be submitted to the board

- (1) An accredited educational institution in South Africa, shall submit, to the professional board on or before 31 May of each year -
 - (a) a list of all students enrolled for that year; and
 - (b) a list of all students who have discontinued their studies during the preceding year.
- (2) The lists referred to in sub regulation (1) shall include students' full names, the year of study and, where applicable, the date of discontinuation of study.
- (3) Together with the lists referred to in sub regulation (1), an accredited educational institution shall submit:
 - (a) a list of students who discontinued their studies temporarily during the preceding twelve months, specifying the reasons for such discontinuation and the date on which the students concerned are expected to resume their studies; and
 - (b) a list of students who resumed their studies during the preceding twelve months after temporarily discontinuing such studies.
- (4) The name of a student shall be removed from the register as soon as he or she has been registered as Speech Language Therapist or as soon as the registrar receives proof that such student has discontinued his or her studies in South Africa.

(Signed)
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