

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NO. R. 3104

3 March 2023

**HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO.56 OF 1974)**

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF  
DENTAL ASSISTANTS: AMENDMENT**

The Minister of Health intends, under section 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) and on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General of Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for attention of the Director: Public Entities Governance; [mihloti.mushwana@health.gov.za](mailto:mihloti.mushwana@health.gov.za) and [paul.tsebe@health.gov.za](mailto:paul.tsebe@health.gov.za) ), within three month of the date of publication of this notice.



**DR M.J. PHAAHLA, MP**

**MINISTER OF HEALTH**

**DATE:** 06/02/2023

## SCHEDULE

### Definitions

1. In these regulations and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the regulations shall have that meaning, unless the context otherwise indicates: –

**“the regulations”** means the regulations relating to the qualifications for registration of dental assistants as published under Government Notice R338 in *Government Gazette* 27464 of 15 April 2005 as amended by Government Notices R580 in *Government Gazette* No 31084 of 30 May 2008, R120 in *Government Gazette* No. 35045 of 14 February 2012, R332 in *Government Gazette* No. 40772 of 07 April 2017, and R1838 in *Government Gazette* No. 46000 of 04 March 2022.

### Amendment of regulation 2 of the regulations

2. Regulation 2 of the regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for sub regulation (2) of the following sub regulation: -

“(2) Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in these regulations, any person who worked as a dental assistant, prior to the date of publication of these regulations, may apply to the board for registration as a dental assistant, and the board may exempt such person from the requirements of sub-regulation (1).”

### Short title

3. These Regulations are called Regulations Relating to the Qualifications for Registration of Dental Assistants: Amendment, 2023.