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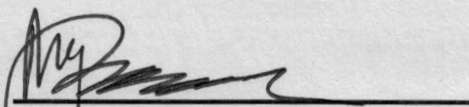
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**HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO.56 OF 1974)**

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION BY DENTAL THERAPISTS  
AND ORAL HYGIENISTS OF ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

The Minister of Health intends, under section 35 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974) and after consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, to make the regulations in the schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments in writing on the proposed amendments to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the 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 months from date of publication of this Notice.



DR M.J PHAAHLA, MP

MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 31/03/2023

## SCHEDULE

### Definitions

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

**“dental therapist”** means a person registered as such under the Act;

**“oral hygienist”** means a person registered as such under the Act; and

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

### Additional Qualifications

2. (1) The following qualification obtained by dental therapists are registrable as additional qualifications under section 35 of the Act: -

Examining Authority and qualification	Abbreviation for registration
<b>University of California -</b>  <i>Master of Public Health</i>	M Public Health California
<b>University College London -</b>  <i>Diploma in community Dental Health</i>	Dip Community Dental Health – Univ. College London
<b>University of KwaZulu-Natal –</b>  <i>Master of Medical Science</i>  <i>Doctor of Philosophy</i>	(MmedSc) (Dental Therapy) – Kwa-Zulu Natal  PHD (Dental Therapy) – KwaZulu-Natal



Examining Authority and qualification	Abbreviation for registration
<i>(dental therapy)</i>	
<b>University of Limpopo</b>  <i>Doctor Philosophy in Dentistry</i>	PHD in Dentistry - Limpopo
<b>University of the Western Cape –</b> Doctor of Philosophy	(PHD) – Western Cape
<b>Medical University of South Africa</b> <i>Advanced Diploma in Community Dentistry</i>  <i>Bachelors Honours in Dental Therapy</i>  <i>Doctor of Philosophy in Dentistry</i>	Ad Dip Community Dentistry – MEDUNSA  B-Dent Ther (Hons) - MEDUNSA  PHD in Dentistry - MEDUNSA

(2) The following qualifications obtained by oral hygienists shall be registrable as additional qualifications under section 35 of the Act: -

Examining Authority and qualification	Abbreviation for registration
<b>Maastricht University -</b>  The Netherlands – Master of Public Health	M Public Health The Netherlands
<b>University of the Western Cape –</b>  <i>Magister Scientiae Dentium</i>  <i>Philosophiae Doctor</i>	<i>MSc - Dentium Western Cape</i>  <i>PhD Western Cape</i>

<b>University of the Witwatersrand –</b>  Diploma in Health Service Management	DHSM Wits
<b>Central University of Technology – Free State -</b>  Doctor Technologiae  Magister Technologiae	Doctor Technologiae – Central University of Technology  Magister Technologiae – Central University of Technology

**Repeal**

3. The regulations relating to the registration by dental therapists of additional qualifications as published under Government Notice No. R872 in *Government Gazette No. 13184* of 26 April 1991, and the regulations relating to the registration by oral hygienists of additional qualifications, as published under Government Notice No. R1319 in *Government Gazette No. 15000* of 23 July 1993 are hereby repealed.

**Short title**

4. These Regulations are called Regulations Relating to the Registration by Dental Therapists and Oral Hygienists of Additional Qualifications, 2023.