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HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

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

RULES RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR REGISTERED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS: AMENDMENT

The Health Professions Council of South Africa intends, under section 26 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 Of 1974), to make the rules in the schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations in writing on the proposed amendments to the Registrar, Health Professions Council of South Africa, by post: P.O. Box 205, Pretoria 0001, or by hand: HPCSA, No. 553 Madiba Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, or by email: ntsanem@hpcsa.co.za (for the attention of Adv Ntsane Mathibeli: Legal Advisor: Legislative Drafting) within three months from date of publication of this Notice.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these rules **“the Rules”** means the Rules relating to Continuing Education and Training for registered health practitioners, published under Board Notice No. 29 in *Government Gazette No. 29716* of 23 March 2007 and as amended by the Board Notice No. 93 in *Government Gazette No. 30253* of 07 September 2007, and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the rules shall have that meaning, unless the context otherwise indicates; and
“Board” means the relevant professional board established in terms of section 15 of the Act.

Amendment of Rule 1 of the rules

2. Rule 1 of the rules is hereby amended by the substitution, for the **“continuing professional development committee”**, of the following committee:

““**committee**” means a committee established by council in terms of section 10(1) of the Act to, *inter alia*, develop policy proposals for continuing professional development, and to monitor the implementation and compliance with the continuing professional development policy and these Rules;”

Substitution of Rule 3 of the rules

3. The following rule is hereby substituted for rule 3 of the rules –

“3. A person who, after 1 January 2007, registers for the first time in terms of the Act as a practitioner in any category of independent practice, or public service, and supervised practice shall be required to comply with the conditions of continuing professional development laid down in these Rules, which shall be a prerequisite for such practitioner to retain his or her registration in terms of the Act: Provided that a person who is registered for the first time after 1 January of any year, shall be required to comply with these requirements during the first year of his or her registration.”

Substitution of Rule 4 of the rules

4. The following rule is hereby substituted for rule 4 of the rules –

“4. For the purpose of complying with the requirements of continuing professional development –

- (1) a practitioner must accumulate continuing education units referred to in the Table below, and over a period of twelve months.
- (2) continuing education units accumulated shall be valid for a period of twelve months from the date of accumulation; and

Insertion of the Table

5. The rules are hereby amended by the insertion, after rule 10, of the following Table:

“TABLE

The number of continuing education units to be accumulated over a period of twelve months and in terms of rule 4(1) of the rules are stipulated per profession below:

Abbreviation	Register	Minimum number of TOTAL CEUs per year	Minimum CEUs for Ethics, Human Rights or Health Law
DENTAL THERAPY AND ORAL HYGIENE			
DA	Dental Assistant	15	2
TT	Dental Therapist	30	5
OH	Oral Hygienist	30	5
DIETETICS AND NUTRITION			
DT	Dietitian	30	5
SDT	Supplementary Dietitian	15	2
NT	Nutritionist	30	5
SNT	Supplementary Nutritionist	15	2
EMERGENCY CARE PRACTITIONERS			
ANA	Ambulance Emergency Assistant	30	5
ANT	Paramedic	30	5
BAA	Basic Ambulance Assistant	15	2
ECA	Emergency Care Assistant	15	2
ECT	Emergency Care Technician	30	5
ECP	Emergency Care Practitioner	30	5
OECO	Operational Emergency Care Orderly	30	5
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH			
HI	Environmental Health Practitioner	30	5

Abbreviation	Register	Minimum number of TOTAL CEUs per year	Minimum CEUs for Ethics, Human Rights or Health Law
HIA	Environmental Health Assistant	15	2
FI	Food Inspector	15	2
MEDICAL, DENTISTRY AND MEDICAL SCIENCE			
AN	Anaesthetist Assistant	15	2
BE	Biomedical Engineer	30	5
CA	Clinical Associate	30	5
DP	Dentist	30	5
GC/GR	Genetic Counsellor	30	5
HA	Health Assistant	15	2
KB	Clinical Biochemist	30	5
MP	Medical Practitioner	30	5
MS	Medical Scientist	30	5
MW	Medical Biological Scientist	30	5
SMW	Supplementary Medical Scientist	30	5
PH	Medical Physicist	30	5
MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY			
MLS	Medical Laboratory Scientist	30	5
MT	Medical Technologist	30	5
GT	Medical Technician	15	2
SGT	Supplementary Medical Technician	15	2
LA	Laboratory Assistant	10	1
SLA	Supplementary Laboratory Assistant	10	1
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, MEDICAL ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS AND ARTS THERAPY			
AT	Arts Therapist	30	5
AOS	Assistant Medical Orthotist, Prosthetist & Leatherworker	15	2

Abbreviation	Register	Minimum number of TOTAL CEUs per year	Minimum CEUs for Ethics, Human Rights or Health Law
OSA	Orthopaedic Technical Assistant	15	2
OTB	Occupational Therapy Assistant	15	2
OTT	Occupational Therapy Technician	15	2
OB	Orthopaedic Footwear Technician	15	2
OS	Medical Orthotist and Prosthetist	30	5
SOS	Supplementary Medical Orthotist Prosthetist	15	2
OT	Occupational Therapist	30	5
SOT	Supplementary Occupational Therapist	15	2
OPTOMETRY AND DISPENSING OPTICIANS			
OD	Dispensing Optician	30	5
SOD	Supplementary Dispensing Optician	15	2
OP	Optometrist	30	5
SOP	Supplementary Optometrist	15	2
OR	Orthoptist	15	2
PHYSIOTHERAPY, PODIATRY AND BIOKINETICS			
BK	Biokineticist	30	5
CH	Podiatrist	30	5
MA	Masseurs	15	2
PT	Physiotherapist	30	5
PTA	Physiotherapy Assistants	15	2
PTT	Physiotherapy Technicians	15	2
RM	Remedial Gymnast	15	2
SCH	Supplementary Podiatrist	15	2
SPT	Supplementary Physiotherapist	15	2
PSYCHOLOGY:			
PM	Psychotechnician	15	2

Abbreviation	Register	Minimum number of TOTAL CEUs per year	Minimum CEUs for Ethics, Human Rights or Health Law
PMT	Psychometrist	30	5
PRC	Registered Counsellor	30	5
PS	Psychologist	30	5
RADIOGRAPHY AND CLINICAL TECHNOLOGY			
DR	Radiographer	30	5
EE	Electro-Encephalographic Technician	15	2
KT	Clinical Technologist	30	5
KTA	Assistant Clinical Technologist	15	2
KTG	Graduate Clinical Technologist	30	5
RLT	Radiation Laboratory Technologist	15	2
RSDR	Restricted Supplementary Diagnostic Radiographer	15	2
SEE	Supplementary Electro-Encephalographic Technician	15	2
SDR	Supplementary Diagnostic Radiographer	15	2
SKT	Supplementary Clinical Technologist	15	2
SRLT	Supplementary Radiation Laboratory Technologist	15	2
SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING PROFESSIONS			
AM	Audiometrician	15	2
AU	Audiologist	30	5
GAK	Hearing Aid Acoustician	30	5
SAU	Supplementary Audiologist	15	2
SGAK	Supplementary Hearing Aid Acoustician	15	2
SGG	Community Speech and Hearing Worker	30	5
SGK	Speech and Hearing Correctionist	30	5

Abbreviation	Register	Minimum number of TOTAL CEUs per year	Minimum CEUs for Ethics, Human Rights or Health Law
SHA	Speech and Hearing Assistant	15	2
ST	Speech Therapist	30	5
SSTA	Supplementary Speech Therapist and Audiologist	15	2
STA	Speech Therapist and Audiologist	30	5
STB	Speech Therapy Assistant	15	2

The prescribed CEUs must be accumulated by way of different educational, training or developmental activities accredited by the council in any of the following levels of activities—

- (1) level one activities with non-measurable outcomes;
 - (2) level two activities with measurable outcomes; and
 - (3) level three activities with assessment of formally structured learning programmes.
6. Practitioners may obtain their CEUs within their own discipline, speciality or subspeciality or within another relevant discipline, speciality or subspeciality.
 7. Deferment of compliance with the requirements of continuing professional development for any specific period may be granted to individual practitioners by the Board on application and submission of adequate reasons for such request and subject to such conditions as the committee may determine.
 8. A practitioner registered to perform community service in terms of the provisions of section 24A of the Act, registered as a registrar or performing internship training is not required to comply with the requirements relating to continuing professional development whilst being so registered.

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