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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NO. 8166 **13 November 2026**

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

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS WHICH ENTITLES MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTISTS TO REGISTRATION

The Minister of Health intends, in terms of 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 X399, Pretoria, 0001 (for attention of the Director: Public Entities Governance; mihloti.mushwana@health.gov.za and paul.tsebe@health.gov.za), within three months of the date of publication of this Notice.

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MINISTER OF HEALTH
DATE: 14/10/2026

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SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these Regulations, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act has the meaning so assigned and, unless the context otherwise indicates:-

"Act" means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974);

"Professional Board" means the Professional Board for Medical Technology established in terms of Section 15 of the Act; and

"Medical Laboratory Scientist" means a person who is registered as such in terms of the Act.

Qualifications

2. The following qualifications shall entitle the holder thereof to register, as a Medical Laboratory Scientist, in one or more of the categories of Clinical Pathology, Clinical Chemistry, Haematology, Molecular Pathology, Microbiology, Immunohaematology, Cytology, Histology, Immunology, Virology, Cytogenetics, Pharmacology, and Forensic Science: Provided that such person has completed an approved four year course in the categories in which registration is sought, at one of the following Higher Education Institutions (HEI):

Examining Authority and Qualification	***Abbreviation for Registration***
Cape Peninsula University of Technology Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science	BHSc Medical Laboratory Science CPUT
Nelson Mandela University	BHSc Medical Laboratory Science NMU

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Examining Authority and Qualification	***Abbreviation for Registration***
Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science	
Durban University of Technology Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science	BHSc Medical Laboratory Science DUT
Mangosuthu University of Technology Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science	BHSc Medical Laboratory Science MUT
Central University of Technology Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science	BHSc Medical Laboratory Science CUT
University of Johannesburg Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science	BHSc Medical Laboratory Science UJ
Tshwane University of Technology Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science	BHSc Medical Laboratory Science TUT
Vaal University of Technology	

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Examining Authority and Qualification	***Abbreviation for Registration***
Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science	BHSc Medical Laboratory Science VUT

Registration in an additional registration category

3. The Registrar may register, in any additional registration category referred to regulation 2, any person -

(a) who is registered as a medical laboratory scientist in any of the registration category referred to in regulation 2;

(b) who wish to register as a medical laboratory scientist in any additional registration category; and

(c) who submit the following documents:

(i) an application form approved by the Professional Board for registration as a Medical Laboratory Scientist;

(ii) proof of twelve months training in the category of registration applied for and in a training laboratory approved by the Professional Board; and

(iii) proof of having successfully passed an assessment, conducted by the examining authority approved by the Professional Board, for registration in the category applied for.

Registration of Medical Technologist as Medical Laboratory Scientist

4. The Registrar may register, as a medical laboratory scientist, a person who is registered as medical technologist and who applies for registration as a Medical Laboratory Scientist and who –

(a) meets the requirements as stipulated in the guidelines for recognition of prior learning; and

(b) submits the following documents:

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(i) an application form approved by the Professional Board for registration as a medical laboratory scientist;

(ii) proof of training recognised by the Professional Board for registration in the category of registration applied for;

(iii) An extended Curriculum Vitae; and

(iv) Portfolio of evidence in support of the items relevant to the recognition of prior learning criteria

Repeal

5. Regulations Relating to the Qualifications which entitle Medical Laboratory Scientists to Registration as published under Government Notice No. 604 in *Gazette No.* 38991 of 15 July 2015, are hereby repealed.

Short Title

6. These Regulations are called Regulations Relating to the Qualifications which entitle Medical Laboratory Scientists to Registration, 2026.