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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

No. 36 2021

AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS: SOCIAL WORK AND PSYCHOLOGY ACT, 2004

Under section 56 of the Social Work and Psychology Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004), on the recommendation of the Social Work and Psychology Council of Namibia, I have amended the Regulations published under Government Notice No. 30 of 6 March 2009, as set out in the Schedule.

DR. K. SHANGULA
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 16 February 2021

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Regulations Relating to Scope of Practice of Clinical Psychologists and Educational Psychologists, published under Government Notice No. 30 of 6 March 2009.

Addition of regulation 4 in Regulations

2. The Regulations are amended by the addition of the following regulation after regulation 3:

“Performing of professional acts by intern-psychologist

4. An intern-psychologist may perform, as part of his or her training and on the instructions and under the direct supervision of a clinical psychologist or an educational psychologist, any of the acts prescribed by regulation 2.”.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

No. 37

2021

REGULATIONS RELATING TO MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF STUDY FOR REGISTRATION AS MEDICAL ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS ASSISTANT AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF MEDICAL ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS ASSISTANT: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 2004

Under section 55 of the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004), read with section 19 of that Act, and on the recommendation of the Allied Health Professions Council of Namibia, I have made the regulations set out in the Schedule.

DR. K. SHANGULA

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 16 February 2021

SCHEDULE

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Definitions

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

“certified” means certified as a true copy of the original by a commissioner of oaths appointed under section 5, or designated under section 6, of the Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Oaths Act, 1963 (Act No. 16 of 1963);

“equivalent qualification” means a qualification obtained after fulltime education, tuition and training in a similar course or programme and comprising of similar subjects set out in these regulations; and

“the Act” means the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004).

Minimum requirements of study for registration as medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant

2. (1) Subject to other requirements of the Act, the Council may register a person as a medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant, if the person holds any of the following qualifications -

- (a) a certificate in orthotics and prosthetics;
- (b) a certificate in orthopaedic technology; or
- (c) an equivalent qualification, awarded by an educational institution,

after receiving full-time education, tuition and training at that educational institution for a period of not less than two years.

(2) The education, tuition and training for the qualification referred to in subregulation (1) must include the following subjects -

- (a) anatomy and physiology;
- (b) kinesiology and biomechanics;
- (c) mathematics;
- (d) material technology;
- (e) prosthetics and orthotics science; and
- (f) pathology.

Application for registration as medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant

3. (1) An application for registration as a medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant in terms of section 20 of the Act must, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in subsection (2) of that section, be accompanied by a certified copy of the identity document or passport of the applicant.

(2) The Council may require the applicant to furnish proof of the proficiency of the applicant in the English language.

(3) A person registered under the Act as orthopaedic technician at the commencement of these regulations is considered to be registered as a medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant under these regulations.

Register of medical orthotics and prosthetics assistants

4. In addition to the particulars specified in subsection (3) of section 24 of the Act, the register of medical orthotics and prosthetics assistants established and kept in terms of subsection (2) of that section, must contain any change of the particulars recorded in the register.

Restoration of name to register

5. In addition to the documents and particulars referred to in subsection (2) of section 26 of the Act, an application in terms of subsection (1) of that section for the restoration of the name of a person to a register must be accompanied by -

- (a) a certified copy of the identity document or passport of the applicant; and
- (a) the original registration certificate issued to the applicant and a certified copy of the registration certificate.

Language of forms and documents

6 (1) Subject to subregulation (2), a form or a document required to be submitted to the Council or registrar in terms of these regulations must be in the English language.

(2) A form or a document which is not in the English language must be accompanied by a sworn translation into the English language.

Scope of practice of medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant

7. (1) Medical orthotics and prosthetics assistants, assist medical orthotists and prosthetists and medical orthotics and prosthetics technologist in providing orthotic or prosthetic care.

(2) Medical orthotics and prosthetics assistants must work under the direct supervision of medical orthotists and prosthetists and medical orthotics and prosthetists technologists.

(3) The following acts fall within the scope of practice of a medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant -

- (a) repairing and maintaining of orthoses, prostheses footwear and walking aids;
 - (b) carrying out final finishing of orthoses or prostheses;
 - (c) participating in the promotion, education and public awareness of the orthotics and prosthetics profession; and
 - (d) consulting with medical orthotist and prosthetist, medical orthotics and prosthetics technologists.
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