



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS MADE IN TERMS OF

Medical and Dental Act 10 of 2004

section 59 read with section 19(1)

**Regulations relating to Minimum Requirements of Study for
Registration of Medical Scientists, Restoration of Name to
Register and Scope of Practice of Medical Scientists**

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Definitions

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

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“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 full-time education, tuition and training in a similar course and comprising of similar subjects as set out in these regulations;

[The word “of” after “comprising” is superfluous.]

“medical scientist” means a person registered under section 19 of the Act; and

“the Act” means the Medical and Dental Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004).

Minimum requirements of study for registration as medical scientists

2. (1) The Council may register a person as medical scientist if that person -

[The word “a” appears to have been omitted before the phrase “medical scientist”.]

- (a) holds a Bachelor of (Medical) Science honours degree; or
- (b) an equivalent qualification;

and has completed full-time education, tuition and training of at least four years.

(2) A qualification prescribed by sub-regulation (1), must include the following subjects -

- (a) biology;
- (b) biochemistry;
- (c) chemistry;
- (d) physics;
- (e) biophysics;
- (f) genetics;
- (g) human anatomy and physiology;
- (h) medical microbiology;
- (i) haematology and transfusion;
- (j) immunology;
- (k) histology and histochemistry;
- (l) diagnostic cellular pathology;
- (m) pathophysiology; and

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- (n) mathematics and statistics.

Application for registration

3. (1) A person applying as a medical scientist in terms of section 19 of the Act must, in addition to the documents specified by subsection (2) of that section, submit a certified copy of the identity document or valid passport of the applicant.

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

(3) A person currently registered under the Act as a medical scientist at the commencement of these regulations is considered to be registered as a medical scientist under these regulations.

Register of medical scientist

[In the heading, the phrase “medical scientist” (singular) should be “medical scientists” (plural).]

4. The register of medical scientists established and kept in terms of section 23(2) of the Act must contain, in addition to the particulars specified by subsection (3), any -

- (a) particulars that Council may determine, and
- (b) change in particulars recorded in the register.

Scope of practice of medical scientist

[In the heading, the phrase “medical scientist” (singular) should be “medical scientists” (plural).]

5. The scope of practice for medical scientist includes -

[The phrase “medical scientist” (singular) should be “medical scientists” (plural).]

- (a) developing, evaluating and practising of scientific procedures which involve humans, human biological material or medical equipment;
- (b) patient genetic counselling;
- (c) designing and conducting studies that investigate human diseases and methods to prevent such diseases and treatment;
- (d) preparing and analysing medical samples and data to investigate causes and treatment of toxicity, pathogens or chronic diseases;
- (e) standardising scheduled substance potency, doses and methods to allow for the mass manufacturing and distribution of scheduled substances and medicinal compounds;
- (f) creating and testing medical devices;
- (g) developing programs that improve health outcomes;

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- (h) procedures and research to invent new treatment options, scheduled substances or vaccines;
 - (i) performing research on specimens and conduct clinical investigations; or
- [The word “conduct” should be “conducting”.]
- (j) observing change in health and human behaviour to advance human health and wellbeing.

Restoration of name to register

6. An application in terms of section 25(1) of the Act for the restoration of the name of a person to a register must be accompanied, in addition to the documents and particulars specified by subsection (2) of that section, by -

- (a) a certified copy of the applicant’s identity document or passport, and
- (b) the original registration certificate issued to the applicant under section 20(4)(b) of the Act or a certified copy of the certificate.

Language of forms and documents

7. (1) Subject to sub-regulation (2), any document required to be submitted to the Council or the registrar in terms of these regulations, must be in the English language.

(2) Any document that is not in the English language must be accompanied by a sworn translation of it in the English language.