



Republic of Namibia  
Annotated Statutes

**REGULATIONS**

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REGULATIONS MADE IN TERMS OF

**Medical and Dental Act 10 of 2004**  
section 59 read with section 18(1)

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**Regulations relating to Minimum Requirements of Study  
for Registration as Medical Practitioner**

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**ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS**

1. Definitions
2. Qualifications required for registration as medical practitioner

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**Definitions**

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

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

Qualifications required for registration as medical practitioner

2. (1) The minimum qualification, referred to in section 18(1) of the Act, required for the registration by the Council of a person as a medical practitioner under section 20 of the Act, is a Bachelors Degree in Medicine and Surgery granted to the holder thereof by an educational institution.

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(2) The degree prescribed by subregulation (1) must include not less than one academic year of education, tuition and training in each of the domains of -

- (a) human anatomy;
- (b) human physiology;
- (c) microbiology;
- (d) chemical pathology;
- (e) anatomical pathology;
- (f) pharmacology;
- (g) general surgery, including -
  - (i) ophthalmology;
  - (ii) plastic and reconstructive surgery;
  - (iii) cardio-thoracic surgery;
  - (iv) otorhinolaryngology;
  - (v) urology; and
  - (vi) neurosurgery;
- (h) general medicine;
- (i) obstetrics and gynaecology;
- (j) paediatrics;
- (k) orthopaedics and orthopaedic trauma;
- (l) family medicine and primary care;
- (m) community health; and
- (n) psychiatry.

(3) A qualification prescribed by subregulation (1) must be recognised for registration purposes only if -

- (a) the qualification was granted after the full-time study at an educational institution for a period of not less than five academic years;
- (b) a pass mark of not less than 50 percent of the maximum marks obtainable in the examination, or the equivalent of 50 percent in the marking system employed by

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the educational institution, was obtained in the examinations in respect of every one of the subjects prescribed by that subregulation; and

(c) the final three years of professional study for admission to the examination for such qualification were taken at an educational institution in the country in which the qualification was granted.

(4) Paragraph (c) of subregulation (3) does not apply to a qualification held by a person who, at the commencement of his or her professional studies for that qualification, was a Namibian citizen.

(5) A person who applies for registration as a medical practitioner under the Act must comply, to the satisfaction of the Council, with all the requirements for registration prescribed by or under the Act, including the prescribed requirements relating to internship.