



Republic of Namibia  
Annotated Statutes

**REGULATIONS**

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REGULATIONS MADE IN TERMS OF

**Social Work and Psychology Act 6 of 2004**  
section 56

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**Regulations relating to Scope of Practice of  
Psychological Counsellors**

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**ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS**

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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 -

“profession of psychology” means the profession of a psychological counsellor; and

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“the Act” means the Social Work and Psychology Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004).

**Scope of practice of psychological counsellor**

2. The following acts are regarded to be acts specially pertaining to a psychological counsellor -

(a) The administering and interpretation of -

[The word “the” at the beginning of paragraph (a) should not be capitalised.]

- (i) the psychological testing and assessment of children for school readiness;
- (ii) the psychometric testing and assessment of a person relating to his or her -
  - (aa) aptitude;
  - (bb) interests; and (cc) attitude,

excluding the assessment of the mental status of a person; and

(b) the counselling of a person, or more than one person, relating to -

- (i) his or her or their career or careers;
- (ii) the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome;
- (iii) Community Mental Health;
- (iv) school readiness;
- (v) school adjustment, career development and studies;
- (vi) his or her or their employment regarding adjustment, career development and studies; and
- (vii) sport, including counselling to individuals or teams;

(c) the reporting on the testing, assessment and counselling prescribed by paragraphs (a) and (b) respectively; and

(d) the assisting of a clinical psychologist or an educational psychologist in -

- (i) the making of an assessment or diagnosis on the mental status of a person or a group of persons;
- (ii) the administering of advanced psychometric evaluation techniques, including personality assessment procedures and intelligence assessment techniques;
- (iii) the interpretation of the results of the techniques prescribed by subparagraph (ii);

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- (iv) psychotherapeutic procedures aimed at the treatment of psychological ailments or difficulties, including brief term supportive therapeutic interventions, co-therapy in group psychotherapy, family psychotherapy and individual psychotherapy;
- (v) evaluative interviewing during forensic evaluations, and the establishment of psycho-diagnosis; and
- (vi) research procedures involving the mental status of a person or a group of persons.

**Performing of professional acts by student in the profession of psychology**

**3.** A student in the profession of psychology may perform, as part of his or her education, tuition and training, and on the instructions, and under the direct supervision, of a psychological counsellor, any of the acts prescribed by regulation 2.

**Performing of professional acts by psychological counsellor intern in the profession of psychology**

**4.** A psychological counsellor intern in the profession of psychology may perform, as part of his or her internship, on the instructions and under the direct supervision of a clinical psychologist or an educational psychologist, any of the acts prescribed by regulation 2.

[regulation 4 inserted by GN 11/2021]