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**Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004**

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**Regulations relating to: The Registration of Dieticians,  
Dietician Interns, Qualifications that may be Registered as  
Additional Qualifications, Maintaining of Registers and  
Restoration of a Name to a Register**

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**PART I**  
**DEFINITIONS**

**Definitions**

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

“additional qualification” means an additional qualification referred to in section 32(1)(a) of the Act and awarded by an educational institution prescribed by regulation 10;

“approved facility” means a facility approved by the Council for the purpose of training of dietician interns;

“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);

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

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PART II  
REGISTRATION OF DIETICIANS

**Application for registration as dietician**

2. (1) An application for the registration of a person as a dietician under section 20 section of the Act must be accompanied, in addition to the documents, particulars and payments specified in subsection (2) of that section, by -

- (a) a certified copy of the identity document or passport of the applicant; and
- (b) if the qualification upon which the applicant relies for registration as a dietician is a qualification referred to in section 22(1)(a) of the Act, the original certificate of registration to practise as a dietician in the country where the applicant obtained the qualification, issued by the relevant registration authority of the country.

(2) If the applicant referred to in subregulation (1)(b) is not registered with the registration authority referred to in that subregulation, the applicant must submit to the registrar, together with the applicant's application for registration -

- (a) a certificate, issued by that registration authority, certifying that the qualification which the applicant holds, entitles the applicant to registration as a dietician in the country where the applicant obtained the qualification; or
- (b) if the applicant had been registered previously, a certificate issued by that registration authority, specifying that the applicant had been previously registered, that the applicant's name had been removed and the grounds for the removal.

(3) The Council may require the applicant to provide proof, in such manner as the Council may determine, of the applicant's proficiency in the English language.

**Additional examinations**

3. (1) An additional examination referred to in section 22(1)(b)(ii) of the Act, in respect of a person referred to in that section, must consist of written or oral or practical examinations, or of written and oral and practical examinations, in such disciplines as the Council may specify for the purpose of determining whether that person possesses the knowledge, skills and competence required for registration as a dietician under section 21 of the Act.

(2) The Council may appoint, subject to such conditions as it may determine, a suitable person to conduct the examinations referred to in subregulation (1).

**Additional education, tuition and training**

4. (1) If the Council registers a person conditionally under section 22(2)(a) of the Act, the Council must determine the additional education, tuition or training, to be undertaken by the person conditionally registered in order to qualify for registration as a dietician.

(2) Particulars of the additional education, tuition or training referred to in subregulation (1) must be endorsed by the Council upon the certificate of conditional registration issued by the Council, under section 22(2)(b) of the Act, in the name of the person registered conditionally.

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PART III  
DIETICIAN INTERNS

**Completion of internship before registration as dietician**

5. (1) A person who holds a qualification prescribed under section 19(1) of the Act, for registration as a dietician under the Act, must complete, after obtaining that qualification and before being entitled to registration as a dietician, internship as a dietician intern for the period of one year during which period the dietician must complete the disciplines specified in Annexure A.

(2) An application for registration as a dietician intern must be made in such form as the Council may determine and be submitted to the registrar.

(3) An application referred to in subregulation (2) must be accompanied by -

- (a) a certificate or a certified copy of the certificate, to the satisfaction of the Council, as proof that the applicant holds a prescribed qualification referred to in subregulation (1);
- (b) if the applicant had been registered previously in a country other than Namibia as a dietician intern or as a dietician, or is still so registered, a certificate of good standing from the registration authority with which the applicant had been registered or is still registered, which certificate must have been issued not more than 120 days before the date of the submission of the application for registration to the registrar in accordance with subregulation (2);
- (c) a certified copy of the identity document or of the passport of the applicant;
- (d) such additional documents and information as the Council may determine; and
- (e) a certified copy of the contract of internship training entered into by and between the applicant and an approved facility; and
- (f) proof of payment of the application fees, determined by the Council under section 27(1) of the Act, relating to the registration of a dietician intern.

(4) If the applicant referred to in subregulation (1) is not registered with the registration authority referred to in subregulation (3)(b), the applicant must submit, together with the application of registration -

- (a) a certificate, issued by that registration authority, certifying that the qualification which the applicant holds, entitles the applicant to registration as a dietician in that country; or
- (b) if the applicant had been registered previously, a certificate issued by that registration authority, specifying that the applicant had been registered previously, that the applicant's name been removed from the register and the grounds for removal.

(5) The Council may require the applicant to provide proof, in such manner as the Council may determine, of the applicant's proficiency in the English language.

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(6) The registrar must, on receipt of an application for registration as a dietician intern in terms of subregulation (2), submit the application to the Council for its consideration and decision.

(7) The Council, after having considered the application for registration as a dietician intern, and the documents and other information referred to in subregulation (3), may -

- (a) grant the application if the Council is satisfied that the applicant -
  - (i) meets the requirements relating to the registration of a dietician intern;
  - (ii) has complied with subregulation (3); and
  - (iii) is proficient in the English language;
- (b) refuse the application if the Council is satisfied that the applicant -
  - (i) does not meet the requirements relating to the registration of a dietician intern;
  - (ii) has not complied with subregulation (3); or
  - (iii) is not proficient in the English language.

(8) The Council must -

- (a) inform the applicant in writing of the decision of the Council under subregulation (7);
- (b) issue the applicant with a certificate of registration as a dietician intern, if the application for registration as dietician intern is granted, in such form as the Council may determine, and enter the name of the applicant into the relevant register; and
- (c) inform the applicant in writing, if the application for registration as a dietician intern is refused, as soon as practicable of the reasons for refusal.

(9) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), the Council may exempt, on such conditions as it may determine, a person from the requirements of registration and training as a dietician intern in accordance with these regulations, or may reduce the prescribed period of training as a dietician intern by such period of time as the Council may determine, if the applicant for registration as a dietician intern under subregulation (2) submits together with the application documentary proof to the satisfaction of the Council the applicant has -

- (a) completed training substantially equivalent to the training prescribed by subregulation (1), in another country and in accordance with the laws of that country relating to dietitians interns, with a person or at a training facility; or
- (b) practised in another country, in accordance with the laws of that country, as a dietician for such period and under such circumstances as may give the applicant experience and training substantially equivalent to the applicable training referred to in subregulation (1).

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### **Contract of internship training**

6. (1) A contract of internship training entered into by and between an approved facility and a dietician intern, must-

- (a) be in such form and contain such particulars as the Council may determine;
- (b) provide for training, in the disciplines and other requirements set out in Annexure A, which is in the opinion of the Council adequate and satisfactory for purposes of the internship; and
- (c) be approved by the Council.

(2) If at any time during the period of internship of a dietician intern referred to in this regulation, the Council considers any training approved for such purpose to be inadequate or unsatisfactory for any reason, the Council may withdraw the approval by means of a written notice to both the dietician and the dietician intern, after having afforded both the dietician and the dietician intern the opportunity to be heard.

(3) Unless the Council otherwise determines, on good cause shown, any period of internship completed by a dietician under a contract of training in respect of which the Council withdraws its approval in accordance with subregulation (2), or which is cancelled or terminated for any reason before the completion of the internship is, for purposes of regulation 5 void.

(4) The period of dietician internship prescribed by regulation 5 must be completed within a period of two years after the date of the first registration of the relevant person as a dietician intern.

(5) If a dietician intern fails to comply with subregulation (4), the intern's registration as a dietician intern must be regarded as cancelled, subject to subregulation (6), as from the date upon which the period of two years is exceeded.

(6) The Council may extend in writing, on good cause shown, the period of two years prescribed by subregulation (4).

(7) Before a person begins a dietician internship at an approved facility, the person must -

- (a) enter, in accordance with subregulation (1), into a written agreement of internship with the approved facility at which the person is to complete the internship; and
- (b) register with the Council as a dietician intern in accordance with the Act and these regulations.

(8) A dietician intern is subject, during the period of internship, to all the rules of professional conduct applicable to dietitians.

(9) The Council must provide a dietician intern, before the intern begins with the internship, with copies of the rules of professional conduct applicable to dietitians.

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7. (1) A dietician intern must, notify the Council in writing -
- (a) as soon as the intern assumes duty as a dietician intern, of that fact and provide to the Council the name and business address, including the telephone number, of the approved facility at which the intern has assumed duty;
  - (b) if the intern intends to terminate the internship with an approved facility;
  - (c) if the intern intends to cease the internship with an approved facility and to begin internship at another approved facility, not less than 30 days before the intended date of the start of the internship at the other approved facility, and submit to the Council -
    - (i) proof of the cancellation of the existing contract of internship; and
    - (ii) a certified copy of the agreement of internship entered into by the dietician intern and the other approved facility at which the internship is to be completed, which agreement must be approved by the Council; and
    - (iii) proof of payment of fees determined by the Council, relating to such application for cession of the internship.

(2) If the name or surname of a dietician intern is changed for any reason, the intern must notify the Council in writing of the change of name or surname within 30 days after the change of name, and submit to the Council documentary proof of the change of name and such other particulars relating to the change of name as the Council may require.

**Completion of internship**

8. (1) A dietician intern must, upon the completion of the internship in accordance with these regulations, submit proof to the Council, in the form of a certificate, to the satisfaction of the Council, issued by the approved facility at which the intern completed the internship, that the intern has duly undertaken and completed the prescribed internship.

(2) A dietician intern may not be registered as a dietician unless the intern has submitted to the Council the certificate referred to in subregulation (1).

**Evaluation to be conducted by Council**

9. (1) A person who has completed internship in accordance with these regulations must be evaluated by the Council in accordance with section 21(3) of the Act.

(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), the evaluation to be conducted by the Council in accordance with this regulation may be conducted in part by the Council and in such manner as the Council determines, by means of continual evaluation during the period of internship of the person concerned.

(3) The fees determined by the Council under section 27 of the Act, relating to an evaluation referred to in this regulation must be paid to the Council before the evaluation starts.

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**Registrable additional qualifications**

**10.** The qualifications specified in Annexure B are additional qualifications referred to in section 32(1)(a) of the Act, which may be registered by the Council in respect of a person registered as a dietician.

**Requirements for registration of an additional qualification**

**11.** An application made in accordance with section 32(2) of the Act must be accompanied, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in section 32(3) of the Act, by a certified copy of the identity document or passport of the applicant.

PART V  
REGISTERS AND RESTORATION OF NAME TO REGISTER

**Register of dietitians and dietician interns**

**12.** The register of dietitians and dietician interns established and kept in accordance with subsection (2) of section 24 of the Act, must contain, in addition to the particulars specified by subsection (3) of that section, particulars of additional qualifications entered against the name of the dietician concerned in accordance with section 32(4) of the Act, including any change in any of the particulars recorded in the register.

**Restoration of name to register**

**13.** (1) An application in accordance with section 26 of the Act for the restoration of the name of a person to a register, in addition to the documentation referred to in subsection (2) of that section, must be accompanied by -

- (a) the original registration certificate issued under section 21(4)(b) of the Act, or if for any reason the original certificate cannot be submitted, proof to the satisfaction of the Council that the applicant was so registered; and
- (b) a certified copy of the identity document or passport of the applicant.

PART VI  
GENERAL

**Language of forms and documents**

**14.** (1) Any form or document required to be submitted to the Council or to the registrar in terms of these regulations must be, subject to subregulation (2), in the English language.

(2) Any form or document referred to in subregulation (1) that is not in the English language must be accompanied by a sworn translation of the form or document in English, which translation must be acceptable to the Council.



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**ANNEXURE A**  
**CRITERIA PERTAINING TO THE ONE YEAR PERIOD**  
**DIETICIAN INTERNSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME**  
*(Regulation 5)*

1. Clinical nutrition (4 months)
2. Food service management (4 months)
3. Community nutrition (4 months)

**ANNEXURE B**  
**REGISTRABLE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**  
*(Regulation 10)*

<b>Examining authority</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Abbreviation for registration</b>
Potchefstroom University for CHE	Honours Baccalaureus Scientiae in Dietetics	Hons BSc (Dietetics) Potchefstroom
	Magister Scientiae in Dietetics	MSc (Dietetics) Potchefstroom
	Doctor Scientiae in Dietetics	DSc (Dietetics) Potchefstroom
North-West University	Honours Baccalaureus Scientiae in Dietetics	Hons BSc (Dietetics) North-West
	Magister Scientiae in Dietetics	MSc (Dietetics) North-West
	Doctor Scientiae in Dietetics	DSc (Dietetics) North-West
University of Pretoria	Bachelor of Dietetics (Honours)	BSc (Dietetics) Hons Pret
	Master of Dietetics	MSc (Dietetics) Pret
	Doctor of Science in Dietetics	DSc (Dietetics) Pret
University of Stellenbosch	Honours Bachelor's Degree in Science with Dietetics	Hons BSc (with Dietetics) Stell
	Master's Degree in Science with Dietetics	MSc (with Dietetics) Stell

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	Doctor's Degree in Science with Dietetics	DSc (with Dietetics) Stell
	Master of Science in Nutrition (The qualification must be obtained in Nutrition)	MSc Stell
	Doctor of Philosophy in Nutrition	PhD Stell
	Master of Science in Health Sciences (Epidemiology)	MSc in Health Sciences (Epidemiology) Stell
Medical University of South Africa	Bachelor of Science in Dietetics	BSc (Diet) (Hons) Medunsa
	Master of Science in Dietetics	MSc (Diet) Medunsa
	Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics	PhD Medunsa
University of Natal	Bachelor of Science in Dietetics (Honours)	BSc Diet (Hons) Natal
	Master of Science in Dietetics	MSc Diet Natal
	Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics	PhD Diet Natal
University of the Free State	Master of Science in Dietetics	MSc (Dietetics) Free State
Cornell University (USA)	Master of Science	MSc Cornell (USA)
	Doctor of Philosophy (Qualification must be obtained in Dietetics)	PhD Cornell (USA)
University of London (GB)	Doctor in Philosophy (Qualification must be obtained in Dietetics)	PhD London (GB)
Polytechnic of North London	Diploma in Dietetics (Qualification must be obtained in Dietetics)	Dip (Dietetics) N London (GB)