



Republic of Namibia  
Annotated Statutes

## REGULATIONS

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REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

# Health Professions Act 16 of 2024

section 95(10)

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## Regulations on Conditions applicable to Practice of a Dentist, Dentist Specialist or Oral Hygienist

Government Notice 80 of 2005

(GG 3460)

came into force on date of publication: 15 July 2005

These regulations were made in terms of section 59 of the Medical and Dental Act 10 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024. Pursuant to section 95(10) of the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024, they are deemed to have been made under that Act.

The Government Notice which publishes these regulations notes that they were made on the recommendation of the Interim Medical and Dental Council.

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

[The Medical and Dental Act 10 of 2004  
has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

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**Clinical competency examination and skills assessment before dentist may resume active practice**

2. (1) A person registered as a dentist, dentist specialist or an oral hygienist -
- (a) who has not commenced active practice in Namibia in the professional category of his or her registration within 5 years of the date of his or her registration under the Act or a law repealed by section 65 of the Act; or
  - (b) who, at any time after his or her registration as a dentist under the Act or a law repealed by section 65 of the Act, has not been engaged in Namibia in active practice in the professional category of his or her registration for at least 5 years,

must not commence or resume practice in his or her professional category unless the requirements of subregulation (2) have been complied with and he or she has been issued by the Council with a written authority to commence or resume practice.

(2) Before a person referred to in subregulation (1) may commence or resume practice in his or her professional category, whether for his or her own account or otherwise, he or she -

- (a) must give notice in writing to the Council of his or her intention to commence or resume practice at least 60 days before the date on which he or she intends to commence or resume practice; and
- (b) must, at his or her own expense, successfully complete and pass, as the Council may direct -
  - (i) a clinical competency examination approved by the Council, or
  - (ii) an evaluation as contemplated in section 20(3) of the Act; or
  - (iii) both the examination and the evaluation referred to in subparagraphs (i) and (ii).

(3) A person who fails to successfully complete such examination or such evaluation, or both such examination and such evaluation, as the case may be, may from time to time, at intervals not shorter than 6 months, repeat such examination or such evaluation or both, as the Council on such occasion may direct.

**Offence and penalty**

3. A person who contravenes regulation 2(1) is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding N\$4 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 12 months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.