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REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024
section 95(10)

**Regulations relating to Registration of Dentists; Qualifications
that may be Registered as Specialities and Additional
Qualifications; Maintaining of Registers of Dentists and
Restoration of Name to Register**

Government Notice 155 of 2008

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These regulations were made in terms of section 59 read with sections 23, 25 and 31 of the Medical and Dental Act 10 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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 Medical and Dental Council of Namibia. It also repeals the regulations published in RSA GN R.2269/1976, RSA GN R.2273/1976, RSA GN R.2274/1976, RSA GN R.2275/1976, RSA GN R.2276/1976, RSA GN R.2277/1976 and RSA GN R.2278/1976 (all published in [RSA GG 5349](#)), and RSA GN R.1829/1977 ([RSA GG 5741](#)), insofar as they apply to dentists. These previous regulations were made in terms of the RSA Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act 56 of 1974. They survived in terms of section 52(2) of the Medical and Dental Professions Act 21 of 1993, and section 65(2) of its successor, the Medical and Dental Act 10 of 2004.

as amended by

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PART I
PRELIMINARY

Definitions

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

“additional qualification” means an additional qualification referred to in section 31(1)(a) of the Act, awarded by an educational institution and prescribed by regulation 10;

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“branch of dentistry” means a branch of dentistry prescribed as a speciality by Annexure A;

“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);

“general dentist” means a person registered as a dentist under the Act, but not registered as a specialist;

“specialist dentist” means a dentist in whose name a speciality is registered, and “specialist” has a corresponding meaning;

“speciality” means a speciality in dentistry referred to in section 31(1)(b) of the Act and prescribed by regulation 4;

“training facility” means a facility providing the education, tuition and training for the purpose of specialist registration, and recognised or approved for such purpose by the registering authority of the country in which it is situated, and “training hospital” has a corresponding meaning; and

“the 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.]**

PART II
REGISTRATION OF DENTISTS

Application for registration as dentist

2. (1) An application for the registration of a person as a dentist under section 19 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 photocopy of the identity document or of the passport of the applicant; and
- (b) if the qualification upon which the applicant relies for registration as a dentist is a qualification referred to in section 21(1)(a) of the Act, the original certificate of registration to practise as a dentist in the country where the applicant obtained the qualification, issued by the relevant registration authority of that country.

(2) If the applicant referred to in paragraph (b) of subregulation (1) is not registered with the registration authority referred to in that paragraph, he or she must submit to the registrar, together with his or her application for registration -

- (a) a certificate, issued by that registration authority, certifying that the qualification or qualifications of which the applicant is the holder, entitles him or her to registration as a dentist in that country; or

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- (b) if he or she had been so registered previously, a certificate issued by that registration authority, specifying that the applicant had been so registered previously, that his or her name had been removed from the register and the grounds for such removal.

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

Additional education, tuition and training

3. (1) The Council must determine, when registering a person conditionally under section 21(2)(a) of the Act, the additional education, tuition or training to be undertaken by the person so conditionally registered in order for him or her to qualify for registration as a dentist.

(2) Particulars of the additional education, tuition or training determined by the Council under subregulation (1), must be endorsed upon the certificate of conditional registration issued by the Council, under section 21(2)(b) of the Act, in the name of the person registered conditionally.

PART III
REGISTRATION OF SPECIALITIES
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Registrable specialities

4. For the purposes of section 31(1)(b) of the Act, any branch of dentistry mentioned in Annexure A is a speciality which may be registered, subject to compliance with these regulations, against the name of a dentist.

Qualification for specialist registration

5. (1) An applicant for specialist registration in a speciality is qualified for registration in that speciality if -

- (a) the applicant is registered to practise as a general dentist under the Act;
- (b) a period of not less than seven years has elapsed since the applicant obtained the primary qualification which entitled him or her to registration as a general dentist;
- (c) the applicant actively practised as a dentist for a period, or for periods in the aggregate, of not less than three years immediately before the applicant commenced with the course of study for the qualification on which the applicant relies for registration in the speciality applied for; and
- (d) the applicant holds a post-graduate qualification approved by the Council for registration in the relevant speciality in accordance with subregulation (3).

(2) Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subregulation (1) do not apply to the speciality of oral pathology.

(3) For the purposes of subregulation (1)(d), the Council may approve a post- graduate qualification only if -

- (a) in relation to -

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- (i) the specialities Community Dentistry, Oral Medicine and Periodontics, Orthodontics or Prosthodontics, the Council is satisfied that the successful completion of the course of study for the qualification required not less than -
 - (aa) three years full-time study, if the applicant, after registration as a general dentist and before commencing with the course of study for the post-graduate qualification, had first successfully completed a course or courses of study and training in the primary subjects anatomy, physiology and pathology at an educational institution or training facility recognised by the Council; or
 - (bb) four years full-time study if the applicant had not first so completed a course or courses of study in those primary subjects, but the course of study for the post-graduate qualification obtained by the applicant included tuition and training in those primary subjects in the first year of study for the qualification;
- (ii) the speciality Oral Pathology, the Council is satisfied that the successful completion of the course of study for the qualification required -
 - (aa) not less than four years full-time study, if the applicant, after registration as a general dentist and before commencing with the course of study for the post-graduate qualification, had first successfully completed a course or courses of study and training in the primary subjects anatomy, physiology and pathology at an educational institution or training facility recognised by the Council; or
 - (bb) not less than five years full-time study if the applicant had not first so completed a course or courses of study in those primary subjects, but the course of study for the post-graduate qualification obtained by the applicant included tuition and training in those primary subjects in the first year of study for the qualification; and
 - (cc) the period of full-time study referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii) included tuition and training of not less than two years in the department of Anatomical Pathology of a training hospital or other training facility;
- (iii) the speciality Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery, the Council is satisfied that the successful completion of the course of study for the qualification required -
 - (aa) not less than four years full-time study, if the applicant, after registration as a general dentist and before commencing with the course of study for the post-graduate qualification, had first successfully completed a course or courses of study and training in the primary subjects of anatomy, physiology and pathology at an educational institution or training facility recognised by the Council; or
 - (bb) not less than five years full-time study if the applicant had not so first completed a course or courses of study in those primary subjects, but the course of study for the post-graduate qualification obtained by the

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applicant included tuition and training in those primary subjects in the first year of study for the qualification;

- (b) the qualification entitles the holder thereof to registration as a specialist dentist in the branch of dentistry applied for by the applicant in the country where the applicant obtained the qualification; and
- (c) the post-graduate qualification is an adequate qualification for specialist registration in the branch of dentistry applied for by the applicant.

(4) For the purposes of subregulation (3)(b), in deciding whether a post-graduate qualification is adequate for specialist registration, the Council may have regard to the advice and recommendations of -

- (a) an entity recognised by the Council as competent to assess qualifications in the speciality;
- (b) an entity responsible for accrediting courses, or accrediting training facilities for the education, tuition and training of persons in the speciality;
- (c) the attributes of the course leading to the applicant's qualifications; and
- (d) any other relevant issue.

Limitation on the practising of speciality

6. A dentist may not practise more than one speciality at any point in time.

Commencement of speciality practice

7. A specialist dentist who commences with the conducting of his or her practice must inform the registrar in writing, within a period of 30 days after the commencement of the conducting of such practice, of the physical address at which the practice is being conducted, and the postal address, telephone numbers, facsimile number and e-mail address of the specialist.

Conditions applicable to the practising of speciality

8. (1) A specialist dentist may charge fees for conducting examinations or procedures relating to patients if such examination or procedures are recognised by the Council as generally accepted practice in the speciality for which the specialist dentist is registered.

(2) The examinations and procedures referred to in subregulation (1) must be conducted only for, or for the benefit of, the *bona fide* patients of the specialist dentist.

(3) A specialist dentist must restrict his or her practice to the speciality registered in his or her name.

(4) A specialist dentist may treat any person who consults him or her directly, without a referral by any general dentist, other specialist dentist or medical practitioner.

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(5) A specialist dentist who is consulted by a patient, or who treats a patient, must keep the general dentist who normally treats that patient reasonably informed of the treatment of the patient.

Cessation of speciality practice

9. A specialist dentist who discontinues practising a speciality must notify the registrar in writing thereof within a period of 30 days after the date upon which he or she so discontinued to practise that speciality.

Registrable additional qualifications

10. (1) The qualifications prescribed by Annexure B and Annexure C are the additional qualifications referred to in section 31(1)(a) of the Act, which additional qualifications may be registered, subject to these regulations, against the name of a dentist.

[Subregulation (1) is amended by GN 33/2017.]

(2) An additional qualification prescribe by Annexure B may not be registered against the name of a dentist unless the registration authority of the country where the applicant obtained the qualification recognises that qualification as an additional qualification that may be registered as such in that country.

Requirements for registration of an additional qualification

11. An application referred to in subsection (2) of section 31 of the Act must be accompanied, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in subsection (3) of that section, by -

- (a) a certified photocopy of the identity document or of the passport of the applicant; and
- (b) proof, to the satisfaction of the Council, that the registration authority of the country where the applicant obtained the qualification recognises that qualification as an additional qualification that may be registered as such in that country.

PART IV
REGISTERS AND RESTORATION OF NAME TO REGISTER

Register of dentists

12. The register of dentists established and kept in accordance with subsection (2) of section 23 of the Act, must contain, in addition to the particulars specified by subsection (3) of that section, particulars of -

- (a) the specialities and additional qualifications entered against the name of the dentist concerned in accordance with subsection (4) of section 31 of the Act; and
- (b) any change in any of the particulars referred to in paragraph (a).

Restoration of name to register

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13. An application in accordance with section 25 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 20(4)(b) of the Act in the name of the applicant, 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 photocopy of the identity document or of the passport of the applicant.

PART V
GENERAL

Language of forms and documents

14. (1) Subject to subregulation (2), any form or document required to be submitted to the Council or to the registrar in terms of these regulations must be 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 translation thereof into that language, acceptable to the Council.

ANNEXURE A

REGISTRABLE SPECIALITIES
(Regulation 4)

Speciality	Designation
Community Dentistry	Specialist in Community Dentistry
Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery	Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgeon
Oral Medicine and Periodontics	Specialist in Oral Medicine and Periodontics
Oral Pathology	Oral Pathologist
Orthodontics	Orthodontist
Prosthodontics	Prosthodontist

ANNEXURE B

REGISTRABLE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
(Regulation 10)

Examining authority	Qualification	Abbreviation for registration
<i>Adelaide, University of</i>	Doctor of Dental Science	DDSc Adelaide
	Master of Dental Surgery	MDS Adelaide

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	Bachelor (Honours) of Dental Surgery	BDS (Hons) Adelaide
<i>Belfast, University of (Queens' University)</i>	Master of Dental Surgery	MDS Belf
<i>Birmingham, University of</i>	Master of Dental Surgery	MDS Birm
<i>Boston University</i>	Master of Science in Dentistry	MSD Boston
	Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Orthodontics	CAGS Orth Boston
	Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Periodontics	CAGS Periodont Boston
<i>Bristol, University of</i>	Master of Dental Surgery	MDS Bristol
	Master of Science in Oral Medicine	MSc Oral Med Bristol
<i>Columbia, University of</i>	Certificate in Endodontics	Cert in Endodontics Columbia
<i>Dundee, University of</i>	Diploma in Public Dentistry	DPD Dundee
<i>Durham, University of</i>	Master of Dental Surgery	MDS Durh
<i>Dublin, University of</i>	Master of Dental Science	M Dent Sc Dubl
<i>Erlangen, University of</i>	Doctor of Dentistry	DMD Erlangen
<i>Groningen, University of</i>	Doctor of Medicine	MD Groningen
<i>Harvard, University of</i>	Clinical Fellow in Orthodontics	F Orth Harvard
	Master of Public Health	MPH Harvard
<i>Illinois, University of</i>	Master of Science in Orthodontics	MS (Orth) Illinois
<i>Ireland (National University), University of</i>	Master of Dental Surgery	MDS N U Irel
<i>Leeds, University of</i>	Master of Dental Surgery	MChD Leeds
<i>Liverpool, University of</i>	Master of Dental Surgery	MDS Lpool
<i>London, University of</i>	Master of Dental Surgery	MDS Lond
	Master of Science in Children's Dentistry	MSc Children's Dent Lond

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	Master of Science in Dentistry	MSc Conservative (Conservative Dentistry) Lond [obvious error in format of entry corrected]
	Master of Science in Dental Public Health	MSc DPH Lond
	Master of Science (Dental Radiology)	MSc (Dental Radiology) Lond
	Master of Science in Oral [A word appears to be missing.]	MSc Oral Surg Surgery Lond
	Master of Science (Orthodontics)	MSc (Orth) Lond
	Master of Science in Periodontology	MSc (Periodontology) Lond
	Diploma in Bacteriology	D Bact Lond
<i>London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine</i>	Doctor of Philosophy	PhD (Experimental Pathology)
	Master of Science in Community Health in Developing Countries	MSc (Com H in Dev Countries) LSHTM
	Master of Science (Public Health)	MSc (Public Health) Lond
<i>Louisiana State University</i>	Certificate in Orthodontics	Cert Orthodontics Louisiana
<i>Manchester, University of (Victoria University)</i>	Master of Surgery	MDS Man
<i>Medical University of Southern Africa</i>	Doctor of Dental Surgery	DChD Medunsa
	Doctor of Dentistry	DDent Medunsa
	Master of Dental Science	MDS Medunsa
	Master of Dental Science	MDent Medunsa
	Master of Dental Surgery	MChD Medunsa
	Master of Dental Surgery	MDS Medunsa
	Master of Dental Surgery (Community	MChD (Community

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	Dentistry)	Dentistry) Medunsa
	Master of Dental Surgery (Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery) (Dental)	MChD (MFOS) (Dent) Medunsa
	Master of Dentistry	MDent Medunsa
	Bachelor (Honours) of Dental Surgery	BChD (Hons) Medunsa
	Bachelor of Dental Therapy (Honours)	BDent Ther (Hons) Medunsa
	Advanced Diploma in Community Dentistry	Adv Dip Comm Dent Medunsa
	Diploma in Public Health (Dentistry)	Dip PH (Dent) Medunsa
<i>Melbourne, University of</i>	Doctor of Dental Science	DDSc Melbourne
<i>Michigan, University of</i>	Master of Science (Restorative Dentistry)	MSc (Restorative Dentistry) Michigan
<i>Newcastle-upon-Tyne, University of</i>	Doctor of Dental Science	DDSc Ncle
<i>Northwestern University, Chicago</i>	Master of Science in Dentistry	MSD Northwestern
<i>Orange Free State, University of the</i> [obvious error in format of entry corrected]	Diploma in Health Administration	DHA Orange Free State
<i>Pennsylvania, University of</i>	Certificate in Endodontics	Cert Endodontics Pennsylvania
<i>Pretoria, University of</i>	Doctor of Dental Surgery	DChD Pret
	Doctor of Philosophy	PhD Pret
	Doctor of Scientiae (Odontology)	DSc (Odont) Pret
	Master of Dental Science	MDent Pret
	Master of Dental Surgery	MChD Pret
	Master of Dental Surgery in Community Dentistry	MChD in Community Dentistry Pret
	Master of Dental Surgery (Maxillo-facial Surgery Medicus)	MChD (Chir Max Fac-Med) Pret

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	Master of Science (Odontology)	MSc (Odont) Pret
	Bachelor of Dentistry with Honours.	BChD (Hons) Pret
	Diploma in Community Health (Dent)	DCH (Dent) Pret
	Diploma in Dental Public Health	DDPH Pret
	Diploma in Health Administration (Dentistry)	DHA (Dent) Pret [obvious error in format of entry corrected]
	Diploma in Odontology	Dip Odont Pret
<i>Sheffield, University of</i>	Master of Dental Surgery	MDS Sheff
	Master of Medical Science	MMed Sc Sheff
<i>St Andrews, University of</i>	Diploma in Public Dentistry	DPD St And
<i>Stellenbosch, University of</i>	Doctor of Dental Surgery	DChD Stell
	Doctor of Philosophy	PhD Stell
	Doctor of Philosophy (Odontology)	PhD (Odont) Stell
	Doctor of Scientiae (Odontology)	DSc (Odont) Stell
	Master of Science in Dental Sciences	MSc (Dent Sciences) Stell
	Master of Science (Odontology)	MSc (Odont) Stell
	Master of Dental Surgery	MChD Stell
	Bachelor (Honours of Dentistry)	BChD (Hons) Stell
	Diploma in Community Health	DCH Stell
	Postgraduate Diploma in Dentistry	PDD Stell
<i>St Louis, University of</i>	Certificate in Orthodontics	Cert in Orth St Louis
<i>Sophia, University of</i>	Doctor of Philosophy	DPh Sophia
<i>Temple University</i>	Certificate of Endodontology	Cert Endodontology Temple
<i>Toronto, University of</i>	Diploma in Orthodontics	DOrth Toronto

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<i>Wales, University of</i>	Philosophiae Doctor	PhD Wales
	Doctor of Philosophy	PhD Western Cape
	Master of Dental Surgery	MChD Western Cape
	Master of Science (Dentium)	MSc (Dent) Western Cape
	Philosophiae Doctor	PhD Western Cape
	Doctor of Scientiae (Odontology)	DSO (Odont) Western Cape
	Magister Chirurgiae (Dentium)	MChB Western Cape
	Magister Scientiae (Dentium)	MSc (Dent) Western Cape
	Postgraduate Diploma in Dentistry	PDD Western Cape
<i>Witwatersrand, University of the</i>	Doctor of Dental Surgery	DDS Witwatersrand
	Doctor of Philosophy in Dentistry	PhD (Dent) Witwatersrand
	Doctor of Science in Dentistry	DDS Witwatersrand
	Master of Dental Science	MDS Witwatersrand
	Master of Dentistry	MDent Witwatersrand
	Master of Dental Science (If awarded in a discipline recognised in terms of the Act)	MDent Witwatersrand
	Master of Dental Surgery	MDS Witwatersrand
	Master of Science (If awarded in a discipline recognised in terms of the Act)	MSc Witwatersrand
	Master of Science in Dentistry	MSc (Dent) Witwatersrand
	Bachelor of Science in Oral Biology (Dentistry)	BSc (Oral Biol) (Dent) Witwatersrand

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	Diploma in Health Services Management	DHSM Witwatersrand
	Diploma in Maxillo- Facial and Oral Surgery	DMFOS Witwatersrand
	Diploma in Oral Pathology	Dip Oral Path Witwatersrand
	Diploma in Orthodontics	DOrth Witwatersrand
	Diploma in Periodontics and Oral Medicine	DPOM Witwatersrand
	Diploma in Prosthodontics	DPros Witwatersrand
	Diploma in Public Dentistry	DPD Witwatersrand
	Higher Diploma in Dentistry	HDDent Witwatersrand
Colleges		
<i>Baylor College of Dentistry</i>	Certificate in Endodontics	Cert Endodontics Baylor
<i>College of Dentistry of South Africa</i>	Fellow (Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery)	FCD (SA) MFOS
	Fellow (Oral Medicine and Periodontics)	FCD (SA) OMP
	Fellow (Orthodontics)	FCD (SA) ORTHOD
	Fellow (Prosthodontics)	FCD (SA) PROS
	Diploma in Dentistry	Dip Dent (SA)
	Fellow (Oral Medicine and Periodontics)	FCD (SA) OMP
<i>College of Medicine of South Africa</i>	Fellow of the Faculty of Dentistry	FFD (SA)
	Fellow of the Faculty of Dentistry (Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery)	FFD (SA) MFOS

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Fellow of the Faculty of Dentistry (Oral Medicine and Periodontics)	FFD (SA) (Oral Medicine and Periodontics)
Fellow	FFD (SA) OMP
Fellow of the Faculty of Dentistry (Orthodontics)	FFD (SA) Orth
Fellow of the Faculty of Dentistry (Prosthodontics)	FFD (SA) Prosthodontics
Diploma in Dentistry	Dip Dent (SA)

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ANNEXURE C

[Annexure C inserted by GN 33/2017]

REGISTRABLE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
(Regulation 10)

Examining authority	Qualification	Abbreviation for registration
Western Cape, University of	Philosophiae Doctor	PhD Western Cape
	Doctor of Science (Odontology)	DSc (Odon) Western Cape
	Magister Chirurgiae (Dentium)	MChB Western Cape
	Magister Scientiae (Dentium)	MSc (Dent) Western Cape
	Postgraduate Diploma in Dentistry	PDD Western Cape
Warwick, University of	Master of Science in Orthodontics	MSc (Orth) Warwick
London, University of	Master of Clinical Dentistry	M Clinical Dent London
College of Dentistry of South Africa	Fellow (Oral Medicine and Periodontics)	FCD (SA) OMP
	Fellow (Prosthodontics)	FCD (SA) Pros
College of Pathologist of South Africa [The word "Pathologist" should be plural.]	Fellow (Oral Pathology) FC (Path) SA Oral Pathology Fellow (International Board for the Certification of Specialists and Maxillofacial Surgery)	FIBCSOMS (USA)