

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024

section 95(10)

Regulations relating to Minimum Requirements of   
Study for Registration as Oral Hygienist

Government Notice 144 of 2008

([GG 4068](http://www.lac.org.na/laws/2008/4068.pdf))

came into force on date of publication: 18 June 2008

These regulations were made in terms of section 59 read with section 18(1) of the Medical and Dental Act 10 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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   
RSA GN R.2359/1976 ([RSA GG 5349](http://www.lac.org.na/laws/GGsa/rsagg5349.pdf)). 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.

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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 -

“qualification,” as specified in ANNEXURE A, means a diploma in oral hygiene; 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has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]**

**Period of study**

**2.** The period of study for the purposes of qualifying as oral hygienist may not be less than two academic years.

**Qualifications for registration as oral hygienist**

**3.** (1) Subject to compliance with all the other requirements prescribed by the Act, any qualification prescribed in ANNEXURE A entitles the holder thereof to register as oral hygienist under the Act.

(2) Any person who is not the holder of a qualification prescribed in ANNEXURE A, but holds a qualification in oral hygiene awarded to him or her by an educational institution or other examining authority, acceptable to the Council, after the successful full-time study for a period of not less than two academic years at that educational institution or other examining authority, during which period of time he or she completed the curriculum prescribed in ANNEXURE B, is entitled to register as oral hygienist, subject to compliance with all the other requirements prescribed by the Act.

[The capitalisation in the Annexures is reproduced as it appears in the *Government Gazette*.]

ANNEXURE A

(Regulation 3(1))

QUALIFICATIONS ENTITLING THE HOLDER THEREOF   
FOR REGISTRATION AS ORAL HYGIENIST

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| **Qualification** | **Educational Institution**  **or other examining authority** | **City and Country** |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene | University of Pretoria | Pretoria, South Africa |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene | University of Limpopo | Pretoria, South Africa |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene | University of Stellenbosch | Stellenbosch, South Africa |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene | University of the Western Cape | Cape Town,  South Africa |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene | University of the Witwatersrand | Johannesburg, South Africa |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene | University of Durban Westville | Durban, South Africa |
| Diploma in Oral Hygiene | Medical University of  Southern Africa | Pretoria  South Africa |

ANNEXURE B

(Regulation 3(2))

THE MINIMUM CURRICULUM FOR OBTAINING QUALIFICATION   
ENTITLING A PERSON TO REGISTER AS ORAL HYGIENIST

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| **Subject** | **Total Hours**  **of tuition**  **and training** |
| Clinical Practice | 900 |
| Oral Diseases and Prevention | 700 |
| Introduction to Clinical Practice | 150 |
| Academic Literacy for Oral Health | 100 |
| Applied Dental Practice | 150 |
| Oral Health Promotion | 500 |
| Health, Development and Primary Health Care | 50 |
| Interdisciplinary Health Promotion | 100 |
| Radiography | 150 |
| Local Anaesthesia and Oral Surgery | 100 |
| Special Patient Care | 150 |
| Measurement of Health and Disease | 100 |
| Community Oral Health | 50 |
| Ethics and Practice Management | 50 |
| Health Systems | 50 |
| Applied Research | 200 |