



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

REGULATIONS

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)

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were made in terms of section 59 read with section 18(1) of the Medical and Dental Act 10 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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). 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has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]**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.]

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ANNEXURE A
(Regulation 3(1))

QUALIFICATIONS ENTITLING THE HOLDER THEREOF
FOR REGISTRATION AS ORAL HYGIENIST

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

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ANNEXURE B
(Regulation 3(2))

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

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