



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024
section 95(10)

**Regulations relating to Registration of Oral Hygienists,
Maintaining of Registers of Oral Hygienists and
Restoration of Name to Register**

Government Notice 145 of 2008

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These regulations were made in terms of section 59 read with section 25 of the Medical and Dental Act 10 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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.

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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 -

“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); 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has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]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 ORAL HYGIENISTS

Application for registration as oral hygienist

2. (1) An application for the registration of a person as oral hygienist 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 copy of the identity document or passport of the applicant; and
- (b) if the qualification upon which the applicant relies for registration as oral hygienist is a qualification referred to in section 21(1)(a) of the Act, the original certificate of registration to practise as oral hygienist 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 oral hygienist 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 examinations

3. (1) An additional examination referred to in section 21(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 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 oral hygienist under section 20 of the Act.

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

Additional education, tuition and training

4. (1) When registering a person conditionally under section 21(2)(a) of the Act, the Council must determine, 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 oral hygienist.

(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
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Register of oral hygienists

5. The register of oral hygienists 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 any change in any of the particulars recorded in the register.

Restoration of name to register

6. 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 copy of the identity document or the passport of the applicant, duly certified by a commissioner of oaths as a true copy of the original.

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**PART IV
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Language of forms and documents

7. (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.