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REGULATIONS

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**Regulations relating to Registration of Dental Technicians
and Dental Technician Interns and to the
Restoration of a Name to a Register**

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These regulations were made in terms of section 55 of the Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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.

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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 -

“approved laboratory” means any dental laboratory or workshop licensed under the Hospitals and Health Facilities Act, 1994 (Act No. 36 of 1994) and approved by the Council for the purpose of the training of dental technician interns;

“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);

“dental technician intern” means any person registered as such under these regulations for the purpose of completing training as a dental technician intern;

“the Act” means the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004).

**[The Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004 has been
replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]**

Application for registration as a dental technician and submitting of particulars

2. (1) An application for the registration of a person as a dental technician under section 20 of the Act must be accompanied by -

- (a) documents and particulars specified in that section 20 (2);
- (b) certified copy of the identity document or passport of the applicant;
- (c) proof, to the satisfaction of the Council, that he or she has completed the prescribed internship; and
- (d) where the qualification which the applicant relies for registration as a dental technician is a qualification referred to in section 22(1)(a) of the Act, the original certificate of registration to practise as a dental technician in the country where the applicant obtained the qualification, issued by the relevant registration authority of that country.

(2) If the applicant is not registered with the registration authority referred to in subregulation (1)(c), the applicant must submit, together with his or her application for registration as a dental technician -

- (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 dental technician in that country; or
- (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 the removal.

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(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) Where the Council registers a person conditionally under section 22(2)(a) of the Act, the Council must determine the additional education, tuition or training referred to in section 22(1)(b)(1) of the Act, required by the person so conditionally registered before he or she may be registered as a dental technician under the Act.

(2) Particulars of the additional education, tuition or training referred to in subregulation (1) must be endorsed by the Council in the name of that person under section 22(2)(b) of the Act.

Registration and training of dental technician intern before registration as dental technician

4. (1) A person who holds a qualification prescribed under section 19(1) of the Act as a minimum requirement for registration as a dental technician under the Act, must undertake, subject to the provisions of subregulation (4), after obtaining that qualification and before he or she is entitled to registration as a dental technician, training as a dental technician intern for the period of time and in the manner prescribed by regulation 5.

(2) An application for the registration of a person as a dental technician intern must be made and be submitted to the registrar in such form as the Council may determine.

(3) An application form submitted to the Registrar in accordance with subregulation (2) must be accompanied by -

- (a) a certificate, or a certified copy acceptable to the Council, as proof that the applicant holds a prescribed qualification referred to in subregulation (1);
- (b) if the applicant has been registered previously in a country other than Namibia as a dental technician intern or as a dental technician, or is still so registered -
 - (i) a certificate of good standing from the registration authority with which the applicant had been so registered or is still so registered; and
 - (ii) which certificate must have been issued not more than 120 days before the date of the submission of the application for registration to the registrar in accordance with subregulation (2);
- (c) a certified copy of the identity document or of the passport of the applicant;
- (d) such additional documents and information as the Council may determine; and
- (e) payment of the application fees, determined by the Council, relating to the registration of a dental technician intern.

(4) The registrar must submit an application for registration as a dental technician intern submitted to him or her in accordance with this regulation to the Council for its decision.

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(5) The Council, after having considered the application for registration, and the documents and other information referred to in subregulation (3) -

- (a) may grant the application for the registration of the applicant as a dental technician intern if the Council is satisfied that the applicant -
 - (i) meets the requirements relating to the registration of a dental technician intern;
 - (ii) has complied with subregulation (3);
 - (iii) is proficient in the English language; and
 - (iv) has paid to the Council the fees relating to such application; or
- (b) must refuse the application for the registration of the applicant as a dental technician intern if the Council is satisfied that the applicant -
 - (i) does not meet the requirements relating to the registration of a dental technician intern; or
 - (ii) has not complied with subregulation (3); or
 - (iii) is not proficient in the English language; or
 - (iv) has not paid to the Council the fees relating to such application.

(6) The Council must -

- (a) inform the applicant in writing of the decision of the Council under subregulation (5);
- (b) where the application for registration is granted, issue to applicant a certificate relating to such registration in such form as the Council may determine, and enter the name of the applicant into the relevant register; or
- (c) where the application for registration is refused, inform the applicant in writing as soon as practicable of the reasons for such refusal.

(7) Upon the submission to the Council of an application for registration as a dental technician intern in accordance with subregulation (2), accompanied by documentary proof to the satisfaction of the Council that he or she has -

- (a) completed, after obtaining a qualification prescribed for registration as a dental technician, training substantially equivalent to the applicable training prescribed by regulation 5, in another country at an appropriate institution; or
- (b) practised as a dental technician in another country for such period and under such circumstances as may afford him or her experience and training substantially equivalent to the training prescribed by regulation 5,

the Council may -

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- (i) exempt, on such conditions as it may determine, that person from the requirements of registration and training as a dental technician intern in Namibia; or
- (ii) reduce the prescribed period of training by such period of time as the Council may determine;

if the Council is satisfied that the completion of such training or the practising as a dental technician is substantially equivalent to the training and practice prescribed by regulation 5.

Period and manner of training by dental technician intern, and agreement of internship

5. (1) A dental technician intern must complete, in the manner prescribed by these regulations, internship training at an approved laboratory or approved laboratories as the Council may determine -

- (a) for a period of one year, if the dental technician intern is the holder of a prescribed four year Baccalaureus degree in dental technology; or
- (b) for a period of two years, if the dental technician intern is the holder of a prescribed three year diploma in dental technology.

(2) Where a period of internship training prescribed by subregulation (1) is interrupted at any point in time, the period of such interruption must be added to the period of the prescribed internship training, notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, a dental technician intern receives internship training for a total period of not less than one year or not less than two years, whichever may be applicable.

(3) An interruption in internship, irrespective of the length referred to in subregulation (2), includes any leave or sick leave taken by a dental technician intern or any other absence from the internship training, whether with or without the approval of the Council or of the approved laboratory, during the period of internship.

(4) After the date of the first registration of the relevant person as a dental technician intern -

- (a) the one-year dental technician internship prescribed by subregulation (1)(a) must be completed within a period of two years; and
- (b) the two-year dental technician internship prescribed by paragraph (b) of that subregulation must be completed within a period of three years.

(5) If a dental technician intern fails to comply with subregulation (4), his or her registration as a dental technician intern must be regarded as cancelled, subject to subregulation (6), as from the date upon which the two year period or the three year period, as the case may be, prescribed by subregulation (4), is exceeded.

(6) On good cause shown, the Council may extend in writing, the period of two years or three years prescribed by subregulation (4), within which the dental technician internship must be completed.

(7) Before any person may commence with his or her dental technician internship at an approved laboratory, he or she must -

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- (a) register with the Council as a dental technician intern in accordance with the Act and these regulations;
- (b) enter into a written agreement of internship with the approved laboratory at which he or she is to complete the internship, in such form and containing such conditions as the Council may determine; and
- (c) obtain from the Council a written approval of the agreement of internship referred to in paragraph (b).

(8) The Council may specify in writing, when approving a laboratory for the purposes of these regulations, that only a specified portion of the training of a dental technician intern must be undertaken at that laboratory, and that the remainder of the training must be undertaken at another approved laboratory or approved laboratories so specified.

(9) If at any time during the period of internship of a dental technician intern pursuant to this regulation, the Council considers any training approved for such purpose to be inadequate or unsatisfactory for any reason, the Council may withdraw its approval of the written agreement of internship referred to in subregulation (7) (a) by means of a written notice to both the approved laboratory and to the dental technician intern, after having afforded both the approved laboratory and the dental technician intern the opportunity to be heard.

(10) Unless the Council otherwise determines, on good cause shown, any period of internship completed by a dental technician intern under an agreement of internship cancelled in terms of these regulations, is void.

(11) If a dental technician intern enters into an agreement of employment with the Ministry for the purpose of receiving training as a dental technician intern, subregulations (7)(b) and (c), (8) and (9) of this regulation, and regulation 6(1)(b), do not apply to that dental technician his or her internship.

(12) The Council must furnish a dental technician intern, before he or she commences with his or her internship, with copies of all the rules of professional conduct applicable to dental technicians.

(13) A dental technician intern is subject, during his or her period of internship, to all the rules of professional conduct applicable to dental technicians referred to in subregulation (12).

(14) The criteria pertaining to dental technician internship training are specified in ANNEXURE A and ANNEXURE B to these regulations.

Cancellation of internship, and change of name

- 6. (1) A dental technician intern -
 - (a) must notify the Council in writing of the termination of his or her internship within a period of 30 days after such termination; and
 - (b) who intends to cancel his or her agreement of internship with an approved laboratory and to enter into a new agreement of internship with any other approved laboratory, must apply to the Council in writing for approval of the new agreement

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of internship not less than 60 days before the date of the intended commencement of the new agreement.

- (2) An application in terms of subregulation (1)(b) must be accompanied by -
 - (a) documentary proof, to the satisfaction of the Council, of the cancellation of the existing agreement of internship;
 - (b) a certified copy of the new agreement of internship entered into between the approved laboratory and the dental technician intern, which agreement must be approved by the Council; and
 - (c) payment of the fees payable to the Council relating to such application for cession of the internship.

(3) If the name of a dental technician intern is changed for any reason, he or she must inform the Council in writing of the change of name within a period of 30 days after the change and submit to the Council documentary proof of the change of name and other relevant particulars as the Council may require in writing.

Completion of internship

7. (1) Upon the completion of the internship of a dental technician intern in accordance with these regulations, he or she must submit proof to the Council, by way of a certificate issued by the approved laboratory or approved laboratories, as the case may be, in or at which he or she completed the internship, to the satisfaction of the Council, that he or she has duly undertaken and satisfactorily completed the internship.

(2) The certificate prescribed by subregulation (1) must be in such form, and contain such particulars, as the Council may determine.

(3) A dental technician intern may not be registered as a dental technician unless he or she has submitted the certificate prescribed by subregulation (1) to the Council.

Register of dental technicians

8. The register of dental technicians established and kept in accordance with section 24(2) of the Act, must contain, in addition to the particulars specified by subsection (3) of that section, particulars of the specialities and additional qualifications entered against the name of the dental technician in accordance with subsection (4) of section 32 of the Act, including any change in any of the particulars recorded in the register.

Register of dental technician interns

9. The register of dental technician interns established and kept in accordance with section 24 (2) (c) of the Act must contain, in addition to the particulars specified by subsection (3) of that section, particulars of the approved laboratory where the dental technician intern is completing his or her internship, and the date upon which such internship commenced and is to be completed, including any change in any of the particulars recorded in the register.

Restoration of name to register

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10. (1) An application in accordance with section 26(1) of the Act for the restoration to a register of the name of a dental technician or a dental technician intern must comply with subsection (2) of that section and with subregulation (2).

- (2) An application referred to in subregulation (1) must be accompanied by -
- (a) the original registration certificate issued under section 21(4)(b) of the Act, 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) any other documents as required by the Council.

Language of forms and documents

11. (1) A form or document required to be submitted to the Council or to the Registrar in terms of these regulations must be, subject to subregulation (2), 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 sworn translation into that language, acceptable to the Council.

ANNEXURE A

CRITERIA PERTAINING TO THE ONE YEAR PERIOD DENTAL TECHNICIAN
INTERNSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME
(Regulation 5 (1)(a) and (14))

The training of a dental technician intern during the one year dental technician internship prescribed by regulation 5 (1)(a) must take place at an approved laboratory by means of a three month period of education, tuition and training in each of the following main domains of dental technology:

- (a) Fixed Prosthodontics (Crownwork, Bridgework and Implantology);
- (b) Removable Prosthodontics;
- (c) Orthodontics; and
- (d) Chrome-Cobalt work.

ANNEXURE B

CRITERIA PERTAINING TO THE TWO YEAR PERIOD DENTAL TECHNICIAN
INTERNSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME
(regulations 5(1)(b) and (14))

The training of a dental technician intern during the two year dental technician internship prescribed by regulation 5 (1) (b) must take place at an approved laboratory by means of a six month period of education, tuition and training in each of the following main domains of dental technology:

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- (a) Fixed Prosthodontics (Crownwork, Bridgework and Implantology);
- (b) Removable Prosthodontics;
- (c) Orthodontics; and
- (d) Chrome-Cobalt work.