



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024
section 95(10)

**Regulations relating to the Minimum Requirements of Study
for Registration as an Orthoptist**

Government Notice 106 of 2011

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These regulations were made in terms of section 55 read with section 19(1) of the Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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.

The Government Notice which publishes these regulations notes that they were made
on the recommendation of the Allied Health Professions Council of Namibia.

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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 -

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[The Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004 has been
replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

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Minimum qualifications required for registration as an orthoptist

2. (1) Subject to compliance with the other requirements prescribed by or under the Act, a person who is the holder of any of the following qualifications may be registered by the Council as an orthoptist:

Educational Institution and Country	Qualification
La Trobe University Melbourne Australia	Baccalaureus in Orthoptics
University of Sydney Sydney Australia	Baccalaureus in Orthoptics
University of Liverpool Liverpool United Kingdom	Baccalaureus in Orthoptics
University of Sheffield Sheffield United Kingdom	Baccalaureus in Orthoptics
Orthoptic and Pleoptic School St Gallen East Switzerland	Diploma in Orthoptics

(2) A person who is not the holder of a qualification prescribed by subregulation (1), but is the holder of a Baccalaureus Degree in Orthoptics, obtained at an educational institution after the full time study for a period of not less than two years, or the part time study for period of not less than four years, may be registered, subject to subregulations (3) and (4) and to compliance with the other requirements prescribed by or under the Act, as an orthoptist.

(3) A qualification prescribed by subregulation (2) must include, to the satisfaction of the Council -

(a) education, tuition and training in the main subjects of -

- (i) Human Bioscience;
- (ii) Binocular Vision;
- (iii) Vision Science (Eye and Visual System);
- (iv) Management of Refractive Errors;
- (v) Anterior segment and ocular service;
- (vi) Concomitant and Incomitant Strabismus;
- (vii) Eye movement control and Dysfunction;

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- (viii) Neuro Orthoptics; and
- (ix) Pathophysiology and Pathology; and
- (b) practical training in Orthoptics for a period of one year.
- (4) The Council may register a person referred to in subregulation (2) as an orthoptist if -
 - (a) the educational institution at which he or she obtained the qualification is approved by the Council;
 - (b) the registration authority responsible for the registration of a person to practise as an orthoptist in the country in which that person obtained the qualification, recognises that qualification for the registration of a person to practise as an orthoptist in that country; and
 - (c) that person complies with the other requirements for registration as an orthoptist prescribed by or under the Act.