



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

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REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024

section 95(10)

Regulations relating to the Scope of Practice of a Therapeutic Aromatherapist

Government Notice 293 of 2013

(GG 5332)

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These regulations were made in terms of section 55 of the Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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

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 a word or an expression defined in Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004), has that meaning.

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has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

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2. (1) Therapeutic aromatherapy includes the use of pure therapeutic grade essential oils to facilitate the health of body, mind and spirit.

(2) The acts especially pertaining to therapeutic aromatherapist are -

(a) the verbal and physical assessment and evaluation of a patient's condition for the purpose of determining the state of health and the delivery of a therapeutic aromatherapy treatment regime to meet the needs of the patient, including -

- (i) the assessment of the health history;
- (ii) the observing of the posture and movement;
- (iii) the assessment and palpation of the integumentary and myofascial structures;
- (iv) the determining and preparing of a suitable patient-specific treatment protocol;
and
- (v) the maintaining of comprehensive case records relating to the conditions and progress and of all actions performed,

of, or in connection with, the patient;

(b) the application of therapeutic aromatherapy treatment, including the use of pure therapeutic grade essential oils, by means of the hand or other associated aromatherapy equipment, to facilitate the health of body, mind and spirit, with reference to the treatment and prevention of conditions of illness in any patient by -

- (i) the application of specifically selected and blended pure essential oils and fixed oils via the holistic aromatherapeutic routines or methods of -
 - (aa) massage by means of the manual mobilisation of soft tissue structures;
 - (bb) acupressure;
 - (cc) vaporisation;
 - (dd) inhalation;
 - (ee) compresses;
 - (ff) bath; or
 - (gg) cream preparation;
- (ii) relaxation techniques and methods;
- (iii) homecare advice and aromatherapeutic treatments/remedies for home use by the patient;
- (iv) listening skills;
- (v) nutritional and lifestyle advice;

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- (vi) the recommendation of suitable preparations, other than scheduled substances;
- (vii) the use of other modalities to enhance the aromatherapeutic treatment;
- (viii) primary healthcare screening methods; and
- (ix) attending to patients outside of practice;
- (c) the promotion and maintaining of the health of the patient through -
 - (i) attention to hygiene, physical comfort and reassurance of and to the patient;
 - (ii) the promotion of lifestyle changes that may include exercise, rest and sleep to assist in the rehabilitation of the patient;
 - (iii) assisting in the treatment of disease in persons and the community through the use of appropriately selected and administered essential oils;
 - (iv) the education of a patient leading to the attainment of optimal health of a person and the community;
 - (v) the delivery of emergency first aid treatment, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation, if necessary; and
 - (vi) the consultation and liaison with registered persons or persons registered under the Medical and Dental Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004), the Pharmacy Act, 2004 (Act No. 9 of 2004), the Social Work and Psychology Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004) or the Nursing Act, 2004 (Act No. 8 of 2004), and the referral of patients.

[All of these Acts have been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]