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Annotated Statutes

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REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024
section 95(10)

**Regulations Relating to Minimum Requirements of Study
for Registration as Psychologist**

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These regulations were made in terms of section 59 of the Social Work and Psychology Act 6 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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 Social Work and Psychology Council of Namibia. It also withdraws GN 32/2007 (**GG 3795**).

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PART 1
PRELIMINARY

Definitions

1. In these regulations a word or an expression to which a meaning has been given in the Act has that meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates -

“the Act” means the Social Work and Psychology Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004).

**[The Social Work and Psychology Act 6 of 2004 has been
replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]**

PART 2
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION
AS CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

Minimum qualifications required for registration as clinical psychologist

2. (1) Subject to compliance with the other requirements specified by or under the Act, the Council may register a person as a clinical psychologist if the person holds the qualification specified in Annexure 1.

(2) The Council may register a person, as a clinical psychologist, who is not a holder of the qualification referred to in subregulation (1), if the person -

- (a) (i) holds a Master’s Degree in Clinical Psychology obtained from an educational institution that complies with the provision of regulation 3; and
- (ii) has received full time education, tuition and training in clinical psychology at the educational institution referred to in paragraph (a)(i) for a minimum period of six years;

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- (b) (i) holds a Master's Degree in Counselling Psychology obtained from an educational institution that complies with the provision of regulation 3; and
- (ii) has received full time education, tuition and training in counselling psychology at the educational institution referred to in paragraph (b)(i) for a minimum period of six years; or
- (c) (i) holds a Master's Degree in Neuro Psychology obtained from an educational institution that complies with the provision of regulation 3; and
- (ii) has received full time education, tuition and training in clinical psychology at the educational institution referred to in paragraph (c)(i) for a minimum period of six years.

(3) A qualification referred to in subregulation (2)(a)(i) must include education, tuition and training in the subjects of -

- (a) Philosophy or Theories of Psychology;
- (b) Research Methodology and Methods;
- (c) Organisational and Social Psychology;
- (d) Interviewing and Counselling Skills;
- (e) Group Processes and Dynamics;
- (f) Psychological Assessment;
- (g) Psychopathology; and
- (h) Therapeutic Techniques,

in or relating to clinical psychology.

(4) A qualification referred to in subregulation (2)(b)(i) must include education, tuition and training in -

- (a) the subjects specified in subregulation (3);
- (b) Neuro Psychology; and
- (c) Psycho Pharmacology,

in or relating to counselling psychology.

(5) A qualification referred to in subregulation (2)(c)(i) must include education, tuition and training in -

- (a) the subjects specified in subregulation (3);
- (b) Neuro Psychology; and

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- (c) Psycho Pharmacology,

in or relating to neuro psychology.

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3. For the purpose of registering a person as a clinical psychologist under regulation 2(2), the Council may recognise a master's degree referred to in paragraphs (a)(i), (b)(i) or (c)(i) of that regulation if the -

- (a) educational institution at which the person obtained the master's degree is approved by the Council;
- (b) registration authority responsible for the registration of persons to practice as clinical psychologists in that country in which the person obtained the master's degree, recognises the master's degree for registration of persons as a clinical psychologists in that country; and
- (c) person complies with other requirements for registration as a clinical psychologist required by or under the Act.

PART 3
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION
AS EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

Minimum qualifications required for registration as educational psychologist

4. (1) Subject to compliance with the other requirements specified by or under the Act, the Council may register a person as an educational psychologist if the person holds the qualification specified in Annexure 2.

(2) The Council may register a person, as an educational psychologist, who is not a holder of the qualification referred to in subregulation (1), if the person -

- (a) holds a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology obtained from an educational institution that complies with the provision of regulation 5; and
- (b) has received full time education, tuition and training in educational psychology at the educational institution referred to in paragraph (a) for a minimum period of six years;

(3) The education, tuition and training referred to in subregulation (2) must include education, tuition and training in the subjects specified in subregulation (3) of regulation 2, in or relating to educational psychology.

Recognition of qualification by Council

5. For the purpose of registering a person as an educational psychologist under regulation 4(2), the Council may recognise a master's degree referred to in regulation 4(2)(a) if the -

- (a) educational institution at which the person obtained the master's degree is approved by the Council;

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- (b) registration authority responsible for the registration of persons to practice as educational psychologists in that country in which the person obtained the master's degree, recognises the master's degree for registration of persons as educational psychologists in that country; and
- (c) person complies with other requirements for registration as an educational psychologist required by or under the Act.

PART 4
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION
AS PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELLOR

Minimum qualifications required for registration as psychological counsellor

6. (1) Subject to compliance with the other requirements specified by or under the Act, the Council may register a person as a psychological counsellor if the person holds the qualification specified in Annexure 3.

(2) The Council may register a person, as a psychological counsellor, who is not a holder of the qualification referred to in subregulation (1), if the person -

- (a) holds a Bachelor's Degree in psychological counselling obtained from an educational institution that complies with the provision of regulation 7; and
- (b) has received full time education, tuition and training in psychological counselling at the educational institution referred to in paragraph (a) for a minimum period of four years;

(3) The education, tuition and training referred to in subregulation (2) must include education, tuition and training in the subjects specified in regulation 2(3), in or relating to psychological counselling.

Recognition of qualification by Council

7. For the purpose of registering a person as a psychological counsellor under regulation 6(2), the Council may recognise a bachelor's degree referred to in regulation 6(2)(a) if the -

- (a) educational institution at which the person obtained the bachelor's degree is approved by the Council;
- (b) registration authority responsible for the registration of persons to practice as psychological counsellors in that country in which the person obtained the bachelor's degree, recognises the bachelor's degree for registration of persons as psychological counsellors in that country; and
- (c) person complies with other requirements for registration as a psychological counsellor required by or under the Act.

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Educational Institution	Qualification
University of Namibia	Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology

Annexure 2

Educational Institution	Qualification
University of Namibia	Master's Degree in Educational Psychology

Annexure 3

Educational Institution	Qualification
University of Namibia	Baccalaureus Degree in Psychological Counselling