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Health Professions Act 16 of 2024
section 95(10)

**Regulations relating to Minimum Requirements of Study and
Registration as Pharmaceutical Technician**

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These regulations were made in terms of section 66(g)(ii) read with section 20(5) of the Pharmacy Act 9 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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 Pharmacy Council of Namibia.

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Definitions

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

“applicant” means a person making an application in accordance with these regulations;

“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);

“registration authority” means the registration authority of a country responsible for the registration of a person to practice as a pharmaceutical technician in that country; and

“the Act” means the Pharmacy Act, 2004 (Act No. 9 of 2004).

[The Pharmacy Act 9 of 2004 has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

Minimum qualifications required for registration as a pharmaceutical technician

2. (1) The minimum qualification, required by the Council for the registration of a person as a pharmaceutical technician in terms of section 18(1) of the Act, is a Diploma in Pharmacy obtained at an educational institution after the successful completion of full-time study for a period of not less than three years at that educational institution.

(2) The curriculum of study for the Diploma prescribed in subregulation (1) must include the following subjects -

- (a) Pharmaceutical Science;
- (b) Pharmacy Practice;
- (c) Primary Health Care;
- (d) Physiology;
- (e) Pathology;
- (f) Pharmacology; and
- (g) Pharmacotherapy.

Recognition of qualification by Council

3. The Council may recognise, for the purpose of the registration of a person as a pharmaceutical technician, a qualification prescribed by regulation 2(1), if the -

- (a) educational institution at which that person obtained that qualification is approved by the Council for that purpose;
- (b) curriculum prescribed by the educational institution to obtain a qualification is approved by the Council;

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- (c) relevant registration authority of the country, where the qualification is obtained, confirms in writing that such qualified pharmaceutical technician may practise as a pharmaceutical technician in that country; and
- (d) applicant complies with the other requirements for registration as a pharmaceutical technician prescribed by or under the Act.

Application for registration as pharmaceutical technician and submitting of particulars

4. (1) An application for the registration of a person as a pharmaceutical technician must be made in accordance with section 21 of the Act.

(2) An application referred to in subregulation (1) in addition to the documents and particulars specified in section 21(2) of the Act, must be accompanied by -

- (a) a certified copy of the identity or passport of the applicant; and
- (b) the original certificate of registration to practise as a pharmaceutical technician in the country where the applicant obtained the qualification, issued by the relevant registration authority of such country, if the qualification upon which the applicant relies for registration as a pharmaceutical technician is a qualification referred to in section 23(1) of the Act.

(3) If the applicant is not registered with the registration authority referred to in subregulation (2), the applicant must submit -

- (a) a certificate, issued by the relevant registration authority, certifying that the qualification which the applicant holds entitles the applicant to be registered as a pharmaceutical technician in that country; or
- (b) if the applicant had been so registered previously, a certificate issued by that registration authority, confirming that the applicant has been registered in that country and the applicant's name has been removed from the register of the registration authority and specifying the grounds for the removal.

(4) If the qualification upon which the applicant relies for registration has been awarded by an educational institution at which the medium of instruction is not the English language, Council may require the applicant to furnish the Council with proof of the applicant's proficiency in English in a manner as the Council may determine.

Additional examinations

5. (1) An additional examination referred to in section 23(1)(b)(ii) of the Act, in respect of a person referred to in that section, must consist of written, oral or practical examinations as the Council may determine.

(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

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6. (1) If the Council registers a person conditionally as an additional pharmaceutical technician under section 23(2)(a) of the Act, the Council may determine the additional education, tuition or training that the person so conditionally registered must undertake in order to qualify for registration as a pharmaceutical technician under the Act.

(2) The Council must endorse the particulars of the additional education, tuition or training, referred to in subregulation (1) on the certificate of conditional registration issued by the Council in the name of that person under section 23(2)(b) of the Act.

Register of pharmaceutical technicians

7. The register of pharmaceutical technicians established and kept in terms of section 25(2) of the Act, must contain, in addition to the particulars specified by subsection (3) of that section -

- (a) particulars of the additional qualifications registered against the name of the pharmaceutical technician; and
- (b) any change in any of the particulars recorded in the register.

Restoration of name to register

8. An application in terms of section 27(1) of the Act for the restoration of a person to a register must be accompanied, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in subsection (2) of that section, by -

- (a) a certified copy of the applicant's identity document or passport; and
- (b) the original registration certificate issued to the applicant under section 22(4)(b) of the Act or a certified copy.

Language of forms and documents

9. (1) Subject to subregulation (2), any document required to be submitted to the Council or the Registrar in terms of the regulations must be in the English language.

(2) Any document that is not in the English language must be accompanied by a sworn translation of it in English.