

## Republic of Namibia Annotated Statutes

## REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

# Health Professions Act 16 of 2024

section 95(10)

## Regulations Relating to Minimum Requirements of Study for Registration as Combat Medic, Registration as Combat Medic and Restoration of Name to Register

Government Notice 36 of 2017 (GG 6249) came into force on date of publication: 27 February 2017

These regulations were made in terms of section 55 of the Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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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#### PART 1 PRELIMINARY

#### Definitions

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

"applicant" means 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);

"combat medic" means a person registered as combat medic under section 21 of the Act and employed by the Namibian Defence Force, or a person previously registered as an operational emergency care orderly who applies and is registered as a combat medic under that section;

"Namibian Defence Force" means the Namibian Defence Force referred to in section 2 of the Defence Act, 2002 (Act No. 1 of 2002);

"registration authority" means the registration authority responsible for the registration of a person to practice as a combat medic in the country in which the person obtained the qualification; 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#### [The Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004 has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

#### PART 2

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS COMBAT MEDIC

### Minimum qualification for registration as combat medic

2. (1) Subject to regulation 3, the minimum qualification required by the Council for registration of a person as a combat medic under section 19(1) of the Act is a certificate in combat medical care or intermediate medical care obtained by the person from an educational institution after the person has successfully completed a full-time study for a period not less than two years at that educational institution.

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(2) The curriculum of study for the certificate contemplated in subregulation (1) must be completed at Osona Base Military School in Namibia and must include the following subjects -

- (a) Human Anatomy and Physiology;
- (b) Cobat Medicine; and

[The word "Combat" is misspelt in the Government Gazette, as reproduced above.]

(c) General Pharmacology.

#### **Recognition of qualification by Council**

- 3. The Council may only register a person as a combat medic, if the -
- (a) educational institution at which the person obtained the qualification contemplated in regulation 2 is approved by the Council;
- (b) registration authority recognises the qualification referred to in regulation 2 for registration of a person to practice as a combat medic in that country; and
- (c) person complies with other requirements for registration as a combat medic required in terms of the Act.

#### PART 3

## APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS COMBAT MEDIC

#### **Application for registration as combat medic**

**4.** (1) An application for the registration of a person as a combat medic must be made in accordance with section 20 of the Act.

(2) An application referred to in subregulation (1) must, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in section 20(2) of the Act, be accompanied by -

- (a) a certified copy of the identity document or passport of the applicant; and
- (b) the original certificate of registration to practice as a combat medic in the country in which the applicant obtained the qualification issued by the registration authority of that country, if the applicant is registered in that country.

(3) If the applicant is not registered with the registration authority referred to in subregulation (2), the applicant must, together with his or her application for registration, submit -

(a) a certificate issued by the registration authority certifying that the qualification which the applicant holds entitles the applicant to be registered as a combat medic in the country where the applicant obtained the qualification; or

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(b) if the applicant had been registered previously, a certificate issued by the registration authority specifying the reasons why the applicant is no longer registered.

(4) If the qualification on which the applicant relies for registration is awarded by an educational institution at which the medium of instructions is not the English language, the Council may require the applicant to furnish the Council with proof of proficiency in the English language in a manner that the Council may determine.

#### PART 4

## RESTORATION OF NAME TO REGISTER, TERMINATION OF SERVICE AS COMBAT MEDIC AND LANGUAGE OF FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

#### **Restoration of name to register**

5. (1) A person whose name has been removed from a register in accordance with section 25 of the Act and who wishes to have his or her name restored to the register must, in accordance with section 26 of the Act, apply to the Council for the restoration of his or her name to the register.

(2) In addition to the documents and information specified by section 26(2) of the Act, the 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, the applicant must submit proof to the satisfaction of the Council that the applicant was registered; and
- (b) a declaration by two combat medics confirming the identity and good character of the applicant in such form as the Council may determine.

(3) If the applicant is unable to comply with the requirements of subregulation (2)(b), the Council may accept a declaration by two other persons registered as emergency care practitioners under the Act confirming the identity and good character of the applicant.

### Termination of services as combat medic

6. A person registered as a combat medic and who is no longer employed by the Namibian Defence Force may apply for registration as an emergency care practitioner under the Act.

## Language of forms and documents

7. (1) A form or document required to be submitted to the Council in terms of these regulations must be in the English language.

(2) A form or document referred to in subregulation (1) that is not in the English language must be accompanied by a sworn translation of the form or document in the English language which translation must be acceptable to the Council.