



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 Medical Practitioner**

Government Notice 277 of 2017

(GG 6442)

came into force on date of publication: 17 October 2017

These regulations were made in terms of section 59 of the Medical and Dental Act 10 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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 Medical and Dental Council of Namibia. It also repeals the Regulations relating to Minimum Requirements of Study for Registration as a Medical Practitioner contained in GN 177/2009 (GG 4332).

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Definitions

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

“the Act” means the Medical and Dental Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004).

[The Medical and Dental Act 10 of 2004
has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

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Minimum qualifications required for registration as medical practitioner

2. (1) Subject to compliance with other requirements required by or under the Act, the Council may register an applicant as a medical practitioner under section 20 of the Act, if the applicant holds a Bachelor's Degree in Medicine and Surgery or equivalent qualification granted to the applicant by an educational institution.

(2) A qualification referred to in subregulation (1) must include at least one academic year of education, tuition and training in each of the domains of -

- (a) human anatomy;
- (b) human physiology;
- (c) medical physics;
- (d) general biochemistry;
- (e) family medicine and primary care;
- (f) community medicine;
- (g) pathophysiology;
- (h) anatomical pathology;
- (i) internal medicine;
- (j) medical microbiology;
- (k) developmental psychology;
- (l) pharmacology;
- (m) epidemiology;
- (n) haematology;
- (o) general surgery, including
 - (i) ophthalmology;
 - (ii) plastic and reconstructive surgery;
 - (iii) cardio-thoracic surgery;
 - (iv) otorhinolaryngology;
 - (v) urology; and
 - (vi) neurosurgery;

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- (p) chemical pathology;
- (q) clinical microbiology;
- (r) obstetrics and gynaecology;
- (s) paediatrics;
- (t) anaesthesiology;
- (u) medical imaging and diagnostics;
- (v) psychiatry;
- (w) nutrition and dietetics; and
- (x) orthopaedics and orthopaedic trauma.

(3) The Council may in accordance with subregulation (1) register an applicant as a medical practitioner if -

- (a) the qualification was granted after full-time study at an educational institution for a period of not less than six academic years;
- (b) the applicant obtained in respect of every subject referred to in subregulation (2) a pass mark of not less than 50 percent of marks obtainable in the examination or the equivalent of 50 percent in the marking system employed by the educational institution;
- (c) the final three years of study for admission to the examination for such qualification were taken at an educational institution in the country in which the qualification was granted;
- (d) the qualification referred to in subregulation (1) entitles the applicant to registration as a medical practitioner in the country where the applicant obtained the qualification; and
- (e) the applicant completed the prescribed internship in terms of the Regulations Relating to the Registration of Medical Interns, Registers for Medical Interns and the Restoration of a Name to a Register published under Government Notice No. 3783 of 5 February 2007.

[The intended reference is obviously Government Notice No. 8 of 5 February 2007, contained in Government Gazette 3783.]

(4) The Council may require the applicant to furnish proof, in the manner that the Council determines, of the proficiency of the applicant in the English language.