



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024

section 95(10)

Regulations relating to Scope of Practice of Acupuncturist

Government Notice 269 of 2019

[\(GG 6999\)](#)

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These regulations were made in terms of section 55 of the Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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 expression defined in the Act bears that meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise -

“acupuncturist” means a health professional who is qualified to provide acupunctural treatment to patients; 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has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

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Scope of practice of acupuncturist

2. The following acts are regarded as acts falling within the scope of practice of an acupuncturist -

- (a) conducting the necessary diagnostic procedures including -
 - (i) pulse reading;
 - (ii) tongue examination;
 - (iii) temperament evaluation;
 - (iv) history taking; and
 - (v) palpation;
- (b) applying treatment plans including the treatment principles of acupuncture, methods and therapeutic choice, which includes -
 - (i) acupuncture;
 - (ii) acupressure;
 - (iii) acupotomy treatment;
 - (iv) ahshi acupuncture;
 - (v) auricular therapy;
 - (vi) bone setting;
 - (vii) catgut embedding therapy;
 - (viii) coining or spooning therapy (Gua Sha);
 - (ix) cupping therapy (Ba Guan);
 - (x) cosmetic acupuncture;
 - (xi) electro-acupuncture;
 - (xii) embedding therapy;
 - (xiii) healthy exercise (Gong Fa);
 - (xiv) lifestyle management;
 - (xv) magnet therapy;
 - (xvi) medical acupuncture;

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- (xvii) moxibustion;
- (xviii) needling point injection;
- (xix) scalp acupuncture;
- (xx) Tai Chi; and
- (xxi) Tui Na.