



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 Orthotics and Prosthetics Assistant and Scope of Practice of Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics Assistant

Government Notice 37 of 2021

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These regulations were made in terms of section 55 read with section 19 of the Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.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

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**Regulations relating to Minimum Requirements of Study
for Registration as Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics Assistant
and Scope of Practice of Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics Assistant**

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 -

“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);

“equivalent qualification” means a qualification obtained after fulltime education, tuition and training in a similar course or programme and comprising of similar subjects set out in these regulations; 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[The Allied Health Professions Act 7 of 2004 has been
replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

Minimum requirements of study for registration as medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant

2. (1) Subject to other requirements of the Act, the Council may register a person as a medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant, if the person holds any of the following qualifications -

- (a) a certificate in orthotics and prosthetics;
- (b) a certificate in orthopaedic technology; or
- (c) an equivalent qualification, awarded by an educational institution,

after receiving full-time education, tuition and training at that educational institution for a period of not less than two years.

(2) The education, tuition and training for the qualification referred to in subregulation (1) must include the following subjects -

- (a) anatomy and physiology;
- (b) kinesiology and biomechanics;
- (c) mathematics;
- (d) material technology;
- (e) prosthetics and orthotics science; and
- (f) pathology.

Application for registration as medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant

3. (1) An application for registration as a medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant in terms of section 20 of the Act must, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in subsection (2) of that section, be accompanied by a certified copy of the identity document or passport of the applicant.

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(2) The Council may require the applicant to furnish proof of the proficiency of the applicant in the English language.

(3) A person registered under the Act as orthopaedic technician at the commencement of these regulations is considered to be registered as a medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant under these regulations.

Register of medical orthotics and prosthetics assistants

4. In addition to the particulars specified in subsection (3) of section 24 of the Act, the register of medical orthotics and prosthetics assistants established and kept in terms of subsection (2) of that section, must contain any change of the particulars recorded in the register.

Restoration of name to register

5. In addition to the documents and particulars referred to in subsection (2) of section 26 of the Act, an application in terms of subsection (1) of that section for the restoration of the name of a person to a register must be accompanied by -

- (a) a certified copy of the identity document or passport of the applicant; and
- (a) the original registration certificate issued to the applicant and a certified copy of the registration certificate.

[The lettering of paragraph (b) is incorrect in the *Government Gazette*, as reproduced above.]

Language of forms and documents

6. (1) Subject to subregulation (2), a form or a document required to be submitted to the Council or registrar in terms of these regulations must be in the English language.

(2) A form or a document which is not in the English language must be accompanied by a sworn translation into the English language.

Scope of practice of medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant

7. (1) Medical orthotics and prosthetics assistants, assist medical orthotists and prosthetists and medical orthotics and prosthetics technologist in providing orthotic or prosthetic care.

(2) Medical orthotics and prosthetics assistants must work under the direct supervision of medical orthotists and prosthetists and medical orthotics and prosthetists technologists.

(3) The following acts fall within the scope of practice of a medical orthotics and prosthetics assistant -

- (a) repairing and maintaining of orthoses, prostheses footwear and walking aids;
- (b) carrying out final finishing of orthoses or prostheses;
- (c) participating in the promotion, education and public awareness of the orthotics and prosthetics profession; and

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- (d) consulting with medical orthotist and prosthetist, medical orthotics and prosthetics technologists.