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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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**HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA****REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS**

The Minister of Health intends, under section 61((1)) of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Human Resource Stakeholder Relations and Management Services), within one month of the date of publication of this notice.

**SCHEDULE****DEFINITIONS**

1. In these regulations "the Act" means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning, and, unless the context otherwise indicates –

"approved educational institution" means an educational institution which has been granted recognition and approval by the board following an evaluation process as determined by the board;

"board" means the Professional Board for Psychology established in terms of section 15 (1) of the Act;

"section" means a section of the Act;

"student" means a person registered as such under the Act.

**Application for registration**

2. (1) A student at an approved educational institution in South Africa must apply to the registrar for registration as a psychology student and, –

- (a) in the case of a student who enrolls at such educational institution as a psychology student in his or her first year of study, within two months following such enrolment; or
- (b) in the case of a psychology student who, on the date of publication of these regulations, has already enrolled at such educational institution, within two months after the date of publication of these regulations.

(2) An application for registration as a student in psychology shall be made on a form obtainable from the council for that purpose and shall be accompanied by –

- (a) a certified copy of the applicant's identity document or such other proof of his or her age and correct names as may be acceptable to the registrar;
- (b) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced study for a four year bachelors' degree in psychology at an approved educational institution, which certificate shall specify the year of study and the date on which the student enrolled; or
- (c) in the case of a student who enrolled for a master's degree in psychology, a copy, certified by a **Notary Public**, of the applicant's four year bachelor's and/or honours degrees in psychology, indicating psychology as a major subject; and
- (d) the prescribed registration fee.

(3) An application for registration as a psychology student by a foreign visiting student who has been admitted to an approved educational institution in the Republic for non-degree purposes for a period not exceeding one academic year shall be accompanied by –

- (a) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced such study;
  - (b) proof of registration as a psychology student by a recognized registering authority in a country of origin;
  - (c) a recent certificate of status or of good character; and
  - (d) the prescribed registration fee.
- (4) A student in psychology who resumes his or her studies after interrupting them for a continuous period of more than one year and whose name was consequently removed from the register of psychology students, shall submit an application for re-registration as a student within two months of commencing with his or her studies.
- (5) An application referred to in sub-regulation (4) shall be accompanied by –
- (a) a certificate to prove that such student has commenced study;
  - (b) original registration certificate as a psychology student or duplicate thereof issued by the registrar; and
  - (c) the prescribed registration fees.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of regulation 3 (1), the name of a psychology student who interrupted his or her studies for more than one year, but who indicates annually in writing of his or her intention to continue with his or her studies, may be kept on the register until such student continues with his or her studies.
- (7) An application for registration and its accompanying documents and fees submitted after the prescribed period of two months referred to in sub-regulations (1) and (4) shall be subject to the prescribed penalty fee for late registration in respect of each month or portion of a month for which it is submitted after the due date.
- (8) The registrar shall furnish a student registered as psychology student with a registration certificate upon registration.

- (9) Should a student in psychology change from one educational institution to another during the course of his or her studies, the registrar must be informed within two months of such change.

**Information to be submitted to the board**

3. (1) An educational institution which enrolls students in psychology must submit to the board on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> of May each year –
- (a) a list of all psychology students enrolled for that year;
  - (b) a list of all psychology students who have discontinued studies during the preceding year; and
  - (c) a list of all psychology students who resumed their studies during the preceding year after temporarily discontinuing such studies.
- (2) The lists referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall include the students' full names, year of study and where applicable, the dates of discontinuation or resumption of study.

**Repeal**

4. The Regulations published in the Government Gazette as Government Notice No. R. 1019 of 27 August 2004 are hereby repealed.



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