

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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DENTAL TECHNICIANS ACT (ACT 19 OF 1979)

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO REGISTRATION OR DE-REGISTRATION OF
INFORMALLY TRAINED DENTAL LABORATORY ASSISTANTS**

The Minister of Health intends to make the Regulations in the Schedule, in terms of Section 50 (1) (r) read with Section 28 (3) of the Dental Technicians Act, 1979 (Act No.19 of 1979), on the recommendation of the South African Dental Technicians Council.

Interested persons are invited to submit substantiated comments or representations in writing on the proposed amendments to the regulations, to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Public Entities Governance, Ms M Mushwana, mihloti.mushwana@health.gov.za and paul.tsebe@health.gov.za), within three month of the date of the publication of this Notice.


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MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 11/03/2024

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this Regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates-

"employer" means the owner of a Dental Laboratory who employs an informally trained person; and

"the Act" means the Dental Technicians Act, 1979 (Act 19 of 1979).

Procedure for application

2. (1) Any person who wishes to register as a dental laboratory assistant must lodge an application with the Registrar of the Council on a Form attached to these Regulations accompanied by: -
 - (a) a certified qualification or equivalent qualification if available from an approved institution or as determined by the Council;
 - (b) certificate of employment assistant outlining the duties performed during the period of employment;
 - (c) an affidavit or written confirmation by a dental technician or technologist or a dentist who is the owner of a registered dental laboratory that he or she has been employed by the relevant employer as a dental laboratory assistant outlining the duties performed during the period of employment; and
 - (d) proof of payment of the application fee as determined by the Council from time to time.

Registration

3. (1) The Registrar must on receipt of the application for registration as a dental laboratory assistant refer the application to the Council or a

committee of the Council with the delegated authority to consider such applications.

- (2) Applicants trained by dentists may be subject to a written or oral and/or practical assessment as recommended by the Education Committee and approved by Council to prove their level of knowledge and competence as will any applicant who cannot satisfactorily prove a minimum of three years consecutive and uninterrupted employment in a lawfully registered dental laboratory.
- (3) The Registrar must, upon approval of such application record the name of the person registered on the relevant register as a dental laboratory assistant and issue a registration certificate.
- (4) Any such certificate issued must be returned to the Council upon the erasure of the name of such person in terms of the Act or must be deemed to have been cancelled on the date of erasure.

Deregistration and Disciplinary Process and Procedures

4. (1) A laboratory assistant failing to attend properly, in a professional manner and to the best of their ability, to dental technology work entrusted to them may be subject to disciplinary procedures which may result in deregistration.
- (2). The Council may institute any inquiry into any complaint, charge or allegation of improper and disgraceful conduct against any registered dental laboratory assistant in accordance with the powers vested in the Council as defined in the Act.

General

5. A registered dental laboratory assistant working in a registered dental laboratory must work under the constant supervision of a qualified dental technologist.

Short Title

6. These Regulations are called Regulations relating to registration or de-registration of informally trained dental laboratory assistants, 2024.