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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

No. 143 2002

AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO PHYSIOTHERAPY BOARD MADE UNDER ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES PROFESSIONS ACT, 1993

The Minister of Health and Social Services, under section 50 of the Allied Health Services Professions Act, 1993 (Act No. 20 of 1993) and on the recommendation of the Physiotherapy Board, has made the regulations set out in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations the “Regulations” means the regulations relating to the Physiotherapy Board published under Government Notice No. 49 of 29 March 1997.

Amendment of regulation 1 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 1 of the Regulations is amended -

(a) by the insertion of the following definition after the definition of “accused”:

“ ‘candidate physiotherapist’ means a person who is registered with the Board in terms of regulation 26(3)(a) or section 19(2) of the Act; and

- (b) by the insertion of the following definition after the definition of “president”:
“ ‘physiotherapist’ means a person who, in terms of section 13(3) of the Act, is registered with the Board and authorized to practise physiotherapy;”.

Substitution of Part IV

3. The following Part is substituted for Part IV of the Regulations:

“PART IV

REGISTRATION AS PHYSIOTHERAPIST AND QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OR CONDITIONS

Application for registration as physiotherapist

26. (1) Subject to subregulation (3), a person who desires to be registered as a physiotherapist in terms of section 13(3) of the Act shall apply to the Board in the form of Form 7 contained in Annexure 1.

(2) An application for registration as physiotherapist shall be accompanied by -

- (a) a proof of any qualification set out in Annexure 2 or referred to in section 19(1)(a) of the Act;
- (b) a proof that applicant has received additional training or tuition referred to in subregulation (4);
- (c) a proof that applicant has passed additional examinations referred to in regulation 30, in the case of an applicant with a qualification referred to in section 19(1)(a) of the Act; and
- (d) the application fee.

(3) An applicant for registration as a physiotherapist in terms of subregulation (1), who -

- (a) has a qualification set out in Annexure 2, but does not comply with subregulation (2)(b), shall be registered as a candidate physiotherapist and receive additional training or tuition referred to in subregulation (4); or
- (b) has a qualification referred to in section 19(1)(a) of the Act, but does not comply with subregulation (2)(b) and (c), shall -
 - (i) be registered as candidate physiotherapist under conditional registration in terms of section 19(2) of the Act; and
 - (ii) receive additional training or tuition referred to in subregulation (4) and be required to pass additional examinations referred to in regulation 30.
- (4) (a) The additional training or tuition referred to in section 19(1)(b) of the Act shall be received through the practice of physiotherapy under the supervision of a physiotherapist, or otherwise as the Board may direct.
- (b) The duration of the additional training or tuition referred to in paragraph (a) shall be a minimum of 1280 hours to be completed within a period of two years from the date the applicant is registered as a candidate physiotherapist.

- (c) Upon expiry of the period of two years referred to in paragraph (b), a candidate physiotherapist who desires that period to be extended may apply to the Board for extension, and if applicant shows sufficient cause, the Board may extend that period as it may determine.

Qualifications which entitle holder thereof to registration

27. The qualifications contemplated in section 18(1) of the Act and which, when held singly or conjointly with any other qualification, shall entitle the holder thereof to registration under the Act are set out in Annexure 2.”.

Substitution of Part VI

4. The following Part is substituted for Part VI of the Regulations:

“PART VI

EXAMINATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTARY TRAINING

Examinations

30. (a) The additional examinations referred to in section 19(1)(c) of the Act shall -

- (i) be conducted by the Board during June of each year;
 - (ii) be designed to assess whether the extent of applicant’s professional knowledge and skill is compatible with the standard required for the profession;
 - (iii) be prepared by examiners appointed by the Board;
 - (iv) consist of a theoretical paper of three hours duration and a practical examination of three hours duration in at least the following subjects: Anatomy, Physiology, Neurology, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics, Geriatrics, Pulmonology, Surgical and Medical and Obstetric Conditions affecting Physiotherapy and Electrotherapy;
- (b) The contents and standard of examinable theoretical subject matter shall be compatible with the contents and standard required for the profession;
- (c) A practical examination shall include a sample of typical treatments that a physiotherapist provides to a patient in a normal day’s work.
- (d) A candidate shall be advised of the range of treatments to be assessed in the practical examination.
- (e) The grading of theoretical subjects shall be in accordance with the grading schedule as prepared by the examiner and approved by the Board.
- (f) An assessment of the practical examination shall be competency-based, in other words, the candidate shall

combine the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to perform a prescribed treatment.

- (g) An examiner shall submit the results of the examinations to the Board and the Board shall advise the applicant of the results.
- (h) A candidate may apply to the Board for re-grading of the theoretical or practical examination by an independent examiner approved by the Board.
- (i) An application for the re-grading of examination referred to in paragraph (h) shall be accompanied by the application fee and re-grading of examination fee.
- (j) The examinations referred to in section 19(4) of the Act may be in the form of aptitude test to ascertain whether an applicant possesses professional knowledge and skill which is of a standard not lower than that required for the profession and is proficient in the English language.

Supplementary training

31. (1) The supplementary training or refresher courses and professional development programmes for physiotherapists shall -

- (a) be based on professional practice, ethical standards and scope of the profession of physiotherapy; and
- (b) be conducted or approved by the Namibian Physiotherapy Society.

(2) The Namibian Physiotherapy Society shall publish the Annual Training Calendar; listing the dates, venue, contents and presenters of courses and submit it to the Board for approval.

Substitution of Part VII

5. The following Parts are substituted for Part VII of the Regulations:

“PART VII

FEES PAYABLE TO THE BOARD

Fees payable for application, registration and examination

32. The following fees are payable to the Board in respect of -

- (a) any application to the Board N\$50,00
- (b) registration as physiotherapist under section 13 of the Act N\$350,00;
- (c) registration as candidate physiotherapist N\$350,00;
- (d) registration of an additional qualification N\$200,00;
- (e) restoration of name to the register of physiotherapists N\$200,00;

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| (f) | a duplicate registration certificate | N\$100,00; |
| (g) | qualifying theoretical examination | N\$1500,00; |
| (h) | qualifying practical examination | N\$1500,00; |
| (i) | evaluation of qualifying experience | N\$1500,00; |
| (j) | re-grading of examination | N\$2000,00. |

PART VIII

REPEAL OF REGULATIONS

Repeal of regulations

33. Government Notices R. 2297 of 3 December 1976 and R. 1840 of 16 September 1977 are repealed.”.

Amendment of Annexure 1

6. Annexure 1 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution of the following Form for Form 7.

“FORM 7

PHYSIOTHERAPY BOARD:

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS PHYSIOTHERAPIST

(Section 13(2), regulation 26(1))

I, _____ (full name)

of _____

_____ (residential address)

_____ (postal address)

born on _____, apply for registration as physiotherapist

and attach the required documentation listed below.

Signature: _____ Date _____

1. Please tick the appropriate box to indicate which document is attached to this application, and take note that all the copies must be certified as true copies of the originals.

	Birth certificate
	Passport
	Identity Card
	Proof of qualification
	Proof of additional training or tuition
	Proof of additional examinations passed
	Proof of working experience as physiotherapist
	Proof of original registration with professional body where qualification has been obtained
	Proof of current registration with professional body
	Curriculum of the course

2. Evidence of proficiency in English language.

	Home Language
	Language of Instruction
	Certificate of Proficiency in English language

3. Subjects in the physiotherapy course

Please indicate the subjects included in the physiotherapy course and state the number of hours devoted to each subject, but exclude clinical practice.

Subject	Total hours theory	Total hours practical
Physics		
Chemistry		
Psychology		
Anatomy		
Physiology		

Comments (if necessary)

4. Theory of Clinical Medicine

Subject	Total Hours
Pathology	
Geriatrics	
Internal Medicine	
Orthopaedics	
Paediatrics	
Surgery	
Neurology	
Obstetrics and Gynecology	

5. Physiotherapy

Subject	Total Hours
Exercise Therapy including Kinesiology	
Specific Movement Techniques	
Proprioceptive Neuro-Muscular Facilitation	
Neurodevelopmental Therapy	
Burns	
Mobilization and Manipulation Techniques	
Respiratory Therapy including Intensive Care	
Electrotherapy	
Hydrotherapy	
Massage	

6. Practical Training

Apart from the observation of patient treatments carried out by a physiotherapist, how much practical experience in the treatment of patients has been received during training as physiotherapy student?

Please give the exact number of hours spent per year on patient treatments.

First Year _____

Second Year _____

Third Year _____

Fourth Year _____

What percentage of this practical experience was:

Supervised _____ Unsupervised _____

7. Practical Physiotherapy

Field	No. of hours
Geriatrics	
Intensive Care	
Internal Medicine	
Neurology	
Obstetrics and Gynaecology (including ante-natal and postnatal	
Orthopaedics and Rheumatology	
Paediatrics	
Traumatology and Sports Medicine	
Surgery	
Rehabilitation (Not covered in the above). Please specify.	
Any other fields	