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HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)

RULES RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR REGISTERED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS: AMENDMENT

The Health Professions Council of South Africa has, under section 26 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 Of 1974), made the rules in the schedule.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these rules **“the Rules”** means the Rules relating to Continuing Education and Training for registered health practitioners, published under Board Notice No. 29 in *Government Gazette* No. 29716 of 23 March 2007 and as amended by the Board Notice No. 93 in *Government Gazette* No. 30253 of 07 September 2007, and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the rules shall have that meaning, unless the context otherwise indicates; and
“Board” means the relevant professional board established in terms of section 15 of the Act.

Amendment of Rule 1 of the rules

2. Rule 1 of the rules is hereby amended by the substitution, for the **“continuing professional development committee”**, of the following committee:

““committee” means a committee established by council in terms of section 10(1) of the Act to, *inter alia*, develop policy proposals for continuing professional development, and to monitor the implementation and compliance with the continuing professional development policy and these Rules;”

Substitution of Rule 3 of the rules

3. The following rule is hereby substituted for rule 3 of the rules –

“3. A person who, after 1 January 2007, registers for the first time in terms of the Act as a practitioner in any category of independent practice, or public service, and supervised practice shall be required to comply with the conditions of continuing professional development laid down in these Rules, which shall be a prerequisite for such practitioner to retain his or her registration in terms of the Act: Provided that a person who is registered for the first time after 1 January of any year, shall be required to comply with these requirements during the first year of his or her registration.”

Substitution of Rule 4 of the rules

4. The following rule is hereby substituted for rule 4 of the rules –

“4. For the purpose of complying with the requirements of continuing professional development –

- (1) a practitioner must accumulate continuing education units referred to in the Table below, and over a period of twelve months.
- (2) continuing education units accumulated shall be valid for a period of twelve months from the date of accumulation; and

Insertion of the Table

5. The rules are hereby amended by the insertion, after rule 10, of the following Table:

“TABLE

The number of continuing education units to be accumulated over a period of twelve months and in terms of rule 4(1) of the rules are stipulated per profession below:

Abbreviation	Register	Minimum number of Clinical CEUs	Minimum CEUs for Ethics, Human Rights or Health Law	Total number of CEUs per year
DENTAL THERAPY AND ORAL HYGIENE				
DA	Dental Assistant	13	2	15
TT	Dental Therapist	25	5	30
OH	Oral Hygienist	25	5	30
DIETETICS AND NUTRITION				
DT	Dietitian	25	5	30
SDT	Supplementary Dietitian	13	2	15
NT	Nutritionist	25	5	30
SNT	Supplementary Nutritionist	13	2	15
EMERGENCY CARE PRACTITIONERS				
ANA	Ambulance Emergency Assistant	25	5	30
ANT	Paramedic	25	5	30
BAA	Basic Ambulance Assistant	13	2	15
ECA	Emergency Care Assistant	13	2	15
ECT	Emergency Care Technician	25	5	30
ECP	Emergency Care Practitioner	25	5	30
OECO	Operational Emergency Care Orderly	25	5	30
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH				
HI	Environmental Health Practitioner	25	5	30
HIA	Environmental Health Assistant	13	2	15
FI	Food Inspector	13	2	15

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MEDICAL, DENTISTRY AND MEDICAL SCIENCE				
AN	Anaesthetist Assistant	13	2	15
BE	Biomedical Engineer	25	5	30
CA	Clinical Associate	25	5	30
DP	Dentist	25	5	30
GC/GR	Genetic Counsellor	25	5	30
HA	Health Assistant	13	2	15
KB	Clinical Biochemist	25	5	30
MP	Medical Practitioner	25	5	30
MS	Medical Scientist	25	5	30
MW	Medical Biological Scientist	25	5	30
SMW	Supplementary Medical Scientist	25	5	30
PH	Medical Physicist	25	5	30
MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY				
MLS	Medical Laboratory Scientist	25	5	30
MT	Medical Technologist	25	5	30
GT	Medical Technician	13	2	15
SGT	Supplementary Medical Technician	13	2	15
LA	Laboratory Assistant	9	1	10
SLA	Supplementary Laboratory Assistant	9	1	10
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, MEDICAL ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS AND ARTS THERAPY				
AT	Arts Therapist	25	5	30
AOS	Assistant Medical Orthotist, Prosthetist & Leatherworker	13	2	15
OSA	Orthopaedic Technical Assistant	13	2	15

Abbreviation	Register	Minimum number of Clinical CEUs	Minimum CEUs for Ethics, Human Rights or Health Law	Total number of CEUs per year
OTB	Occupational Therapy Assistant	13	2	15
OTT	Occupational Therapy Technician	13	2	15
OB	Orthopaedic Footwear Technician	13	2	15
OS	Medical Orthotist and Prosthetist	25	5	30
SOS	Supplementary Medical Orthotist Prosthetist	13	2	15
OT	Occupational Therapist	25	5	30
SOT	Supplementary Occupational Therapist	13	2	15
OPTOMETRY AND DISPENSING OPTICIANS				
OD	Dispensing Optician	25	5	30
SOD	Supplementary Dispensing Optician	13	2	15
OP	Optometrist	25	5	30
SOP	Supplementary Optometrist	13	2	15
OR	Orthoptist	13	2	15
PHYSIOTHERAPY, PODIATRY AND BIOKINETICS				
BK	Biokineticist	25	5	30
CH	Podiatrist	25	5	30
MA	Masseurs	13	2	15
PT	Physiotherapist	25	5	30
PTA	Physiotherapy Assistants	13	2	15
PTT	Physiotherapy Technicians	13	2	15
RM	Remedial Gymnast	13	2	15
SCH	Supplementary Podiatrist	13	2	15
SPT	Supplementary Physiotherapist	13	2	15
PSYCHOLOGY:				
PM	Psychotechnician	13	2	15
PMT	Psychometrist	25	5	30

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PRC	Registered Counsellor	25	5	30
PS	Psychologist	25	5	30
RADIOGRAPHY AND CLINICAL TECHNOLOGY				
DR	Radiographer	25	5	30
EE	Electro-Encephalographic Technician	13	2	15
KT	Clinical Technologist	25	5	30
KTA	Assistant Clinical Technologist	13	2	15
KTG	Graduate Clinical Technologist	25	5	30
RLT	Radiation Laboratory Technologist	13	2	15
RSDR	Restricted Supplementary Diagnostic Radiographer	13	2	15
SEE	Supplementary Electro-Encephalographic Technician	13	2	15
SDR	Supplementary Diagnostic Radiographer	13	2	15
SKT	Supplementary Clinical Technologist	13	2	15
SRLT	Supplementary Radiation Laboratory Technologist	13	2	15
SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING PROFESSIONS				
AM	Audiometrician	13	2	15
AU	Audiologist	25	5	30
GAK	Hearing Aid Acoustician	25	5	30
SAU	Supplementary Audiologist	13	2	15
SGAK	Supplementary Hearing Aid Acoustician	13	2	15
SGG	Community Speech and Hearing Worker	25	5	30
SGK	Speech and Hearing Correctionist	25	5	30
SHA	Speech and Hearing Assistant	13	2	15

Abbreviation	Register	Minimum number of Clinical CEUs	Minimum CEUs for Ethics, Human Rights or Health Law	Total number of CEUs per year
ST	Speech Therapist	25	5	30
SSTA	Supplementary Speech Therapist and Audiologist	13	2	15
STA	Speech Therapist and Audiologist	25	5	30
STB	Speech Therapy Assistant	13	2	15

The prescribed CEUs must be accumulated by way of different educational, training or developmental activities accredited by the council in any of the following levels of activities—

- (1) level one activities with non-measurable outcomes;
 - (2) level two activities with measurable outcomes; and
 - (3) level three activities with assessment of formally structured learning programmes.
6. Practitioners may obtain their CEUs within their own discipline, speciality or subspeciality or within another relevant discipline, speciality or subspeciality.
 7. Deferment of compliance with the requirements of continuing professional development for any specific period may be granted to individual practitioners by the Board on application and submission of adequate reasons for such request and subject to such conditions as the committee may determine.
 8. A practitioner registered to perform community service in terms of the provisions of section 24A of the Act, registered as a registrar or performing internship training is not required to comply with the requirements relating to continuing professional development whilst being so registered.

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