

NEW RULES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Government Notice No. 2489 of 23 December 1955

The Minister of Health has approved of the following rules regarding the registration of psychologists made by the South African Medical and Dental Council under section 32 of the Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Act No. 13 of 1928.

1. The Council may grant a registration certificate as a psychologist to any applicant who:

(a) holds at least a Master's Degree in Psychology granted after examination by a university approved by resolution of the Council from time to time; provided that the applicant further produces proof that he has spent a minimum period of five years on the study of psychology as the main subject, as well as of other subjects related to psychology, at an approved university; and

(b) submits specific evidence of satisfactory training in psychological procedures; and

(c) subsequent to having completed the academic study prescribed in paragraph (a) *supra* and having acquired the training specified in paragraph (b) *supra*, he has had at least six months practical experience in psychological procedures in a full-time capacity acceptable to the Council.

2. Where, in the case of an application for a registration certificate, the University on whose degree the application is based, or the institution at which the training prescribed in paragraph (b) of

rule 1 is acquired, have not already been approved by the Council, the applicant shall be required to cause the Council to be furnished with authoritative information as to the standard of training given thereat, whereupon, if such standard of training is considered satisfactory by the Council, such university or institution shall be approved.

3. An applicant for registration under these regulations shall be required to submit the qualifications by virtue of which he claims to be registered, together with:

(a) a declaration of identity sworn before a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Oaths;

(b) a certificate of good character signed by a registered person, a Minister of Religion, Magistrate or other responsible person;

(c) a certificate from a registered medical practitioner to the effect that the health of the applicant is not such as in the interest of patients to render it inadvisable that such applicant should engage in psychological procedures;

(d) a sworn declaration before a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Oaths by the applicant that he has never been debarred from practice in any country by reason of misdemeanour or professional misconduct;

(e) a fee of £5 for registration; and

(f) a birth certificate, or, if the applicant is unable to furnish a birth certificate, a baptismal certificate or satisfactory evidence that he has attained the age of twenty-one years.

4. The Council may require proof of the authenticity and validity of the qualification.

RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOMETRISTS

Government Notice No. 2490 of 23 December 1955

The Minister of Health has approved of the following rules regarding the registration of psychometrists made by the South African Medical, and Dental Council under section 32 of the Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Act No. 13 of 1928:

1. The Council may grant a registration certificate as a Psychometrist to any applicant who:

(a) holds at least a Bachelor's Degree with Psychology as a major subject granted after examination by a university approved by resolution of the Council from time to time; provided that such a degree was obtained after a minimum period of three years' full-time attendance at such a university, or such other period of part-time attendance as the Council may regard as the equivalent thereof;

(b) submits specific evidence of satisfactory training in psychometric techniques such as tests and measurements, statistics and abnormal psychology; and

(c) subsequent to having obtained the qualification specified in paragraph (a) *supra* and having acquired the training specified in paragraph (b) *supra* he has had at least six months' practical experience in psychometric techniques in a full-time capacity under supervision of a registered psychiatrist, a registered psychologist or a psychologist previously approved by the Council.

2. 3. 4. (Same as clauses 2, 3 and 4 of the regulations under Government Notice No. 2489 of 1955.)

RULES REGARDING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGISTS MAY CARRY ON THEIR CALLING

Government Notice No. 2491 of 23 December 1955

The Minister of Health has approved of the following rules regarding the conditions under which registered psychologists may carry on their calling made by the South African Medical and Dental Council under paragraph (k) of sub-section (2) of section 94 of the Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Act No. 13 of 1928:

1. A registered psychologist shall not:

(a) undertake any psychological procedures for any person except in association with a team of which at least one member shall be a registered medical practitioner, and at least one member shall be a registered psychologist;

(b) make an independent diagnosis or treat a case therapeutically except in association with a team as described in paragraph (a) *supra*;

(c) apply drugs, medicines or surgery in the examination or treatment of any person;

(d) for the purpose of promoting his own professional interests, directly or indirectly advertise himself in any manner or procure, sanction or acquiesce in the publication of matter commending or directing attention to his professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications or deprecating the professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications of any other registered person; provided that he shall be at liberty to call upon, circularise or write to registered medical practitioners, registered psychologists, such other psychologists as may be approved from time to time for the purpose of these regulations by the Council, and hospitals, universities, guidance bureaux and other institutions where teams of medical practitioners and psychologists function.

2. A registered psychologist contravening or failing to comply with any of the above rules shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.

NOTE.—In addition to medical auxiliaries work, psychologists may also engage in work which lies in the educational or occupational fields; these rules specifically do not apply to persons performing such work.

RULES REGARDING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH REGISTERED PSYCHOMETRISTS MAY CARRY ON THEIR CALLING

Government Notice No. 2492 of 23 December 1955

The Minister of Health has approved of the following rules regarding the conditions under which registered psychometrists may carry on their calling made by the South African Medical and

Dental Council under paragraph (k) of sub-section (2) of section 94 of the Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Act No. 13 of 1928:

1. A registered psychometrist shall not:

(a) undertake any psychometric procedures for any person except under the direction and control of a registered medical practitioner, a registered psychologist or such other psychologists as may be approved from time to time for the purpose of these rules by the Council;

(b) make an independent diagnosis or treat a case therapeutically;

(c) apply drugs, medicines or surgery in the examination of any person;

(d) for the purpose of promoting his own professional interest, directly or indirectly advertise himself in any manner or procure, sanction or acquiesce in the publication of matter commending or directing attention to his professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications or deprecating the professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications of any other registered person; provided that he shall be at liberty to call upon, circularise or write to registered medical practitioners, registered psychologists and such other psychologists as may be approved from time to time for the purpose of these rules by the Council.

2. A registered psychometrist contravening or failing to comply with any of the above rules shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.

AMENDMENT OF THE RULES REGARDING CONDUCT OF WHICH THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE COGNISANCE

Government Notice No. 2493 of 23 December 1955

The Minister of Health has approved of the amendment of the rules regarding conduct of which the Council may take cognisance, made by the South African Medical and Dental Council under sub-section (2) of section 94 of the Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Act No. 13 of 1928, and published under Government Notice No. 49 of 11 January 1946 as amended:

(a) Rule 1 paragraph (5) is altered so as to read: *The printing on envelopes of any information other than the practitioner's name without his title or any qualification, and a return address in case of non-delivery.*

(b) In rule 13 paragraph (1), by the substitution of the following schedule of specialities and designations of specialities for the present schedule:

(Here follows the same schedule as in clause 3 of the Rules regarding the Registration of Specialities—Government Notice No. 129 of 1956—see Journal of 11 February 1956, vol. 30, p. 151; with, however, dermatology and venereology bracketed together, neurology and psychiatry bracketed together, and diagnostic and therapeutic radiology bracketed together.)

(c) In rule 19, by substituting the following caption for the present caption:

“19. Professional appointments, other than:

(i) appointment made under the Public Service Act;

(ii) appointments made under the Hospital Ordinances of the various Provinces;

(iii) appointments of medical practitioners and dentists to academic or research posts at Universities and research institutions and similar institutions.”

(d) By the deletion of the proviso to rule 19 (1).

(e) By the deletion of the proviso to rule 19 (4).

(f) In rule 19 (*bis*), by substituting the following caption for the present caption:

“19. (*bis*) Professional appointments made under the Hospital Ordinances of the various Provinces; and to Universities and research institutions.”

(g) In rules 19 (*bis*),* paragraph (1) by the substitution of the words “under the Hospital Ordinances of the various Provinces, or any professional appointment to a University or Research Institution”, for the words “to a University or Research Institute”.

(h) In rule 19 (*bis*),* the addition after sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1), of the following note:

“NOTE.—Transfers or promotions in the normal course within a service will not be regarded as new appointments, and such posts need not be re-advertised.”

* See Journal of 24 April 1954 (vol. 28, p. 365).

AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS REGARDING THE REGISTRATION OF
CERTAIN CLASSES OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Government Notice No. 2512 of 23 December 1955

His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased, under the powers vested in him by sub-section (2) of section *twenty-two* of the Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Act, 1928 (Act No. 13 of 1928), read with sub-section (1) of section *ninety-four*, and after considering a recommendation of the South African Medical and Dental Council, to amend the regulations regarding the registration of certain classes of medical practitioners published under Government Notice No. 256 of the 7th February, 1947, as amended, by:

(a) the substitution in regulation 2 for the words "from the provisions of paragraph (b) of the proviso to sub-section (1) of section *twenty-two* of the Act" of the words "from the provisions of sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of the proviso to sub-section (1) of section *twenty-two* of the Act";

(b) the insertion after paragraph (c) of regulation 2 of the following paragraph:

"(d) persons employed in a full-time capacity by the State, otherwise than by any provincial administration or by the Administration of South West Africa";

(c) the insertion after regulation 6 of the following regulation:
"7, every person referred to in paragraph (d) of regulation 2 and registered as a medical practitioner with the Council in terms of these regulations may, by virtue of such registration, perform only such acts specially pertaining to the calling of a medical practitioner as he is required to perform in terms of his contract of employment with the State or the Administration of South West Africa";

(d) the renumbering of existing regulation 7 as 8.

The effect of this amendment is (1) to bring the regulations in Government Notice No. 256 of 1947, as amended, into line with the amendment of section 22 of the principal Act (see section 6 of the Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Amendment Act No. 29 of 1954, set out on pp. 595 and 596 of the Journal of 10 July 1954 (vol. 28); and (2) to create an additional class of medical practitioners to be specially registered under the said regulations and to provide for the limitation of the acts this class of practitioner may perform. The creation of this class of practitioner is referred to in the reports of meetings of the South African Medical and Dental Council published in this Journal on 1 October 1955 (vol. 29, pp. 942 and 943) and in the current number of the Journal on page 345.