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## Government Notice

### MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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#### REGULATIONS RELATING TO MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF STUDY FOR REGISTRATION AS THERAPEUTIC RADIOGRAPHER, ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, KEEPING OF REGISTERS AND RESTORATION OF NAME TO REGISTER AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF THERAPEUTIC RADIOGRAPHER: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 2004

Under section 55 of the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004), on the recommendation of the Allied Health Professions Council of Namibia, I make the regulations set out in the Schedule.

**DR. K. SHANGULA**

**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

Windhoek, 26 November 2020

### SCHEDULE

#### Definitions

1. In these regulations a word or an expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act has that meaning and unless the context indicates otherwise -

“additional qualification” means an additional qualification referred to in section 32(1)(a) of the Act and prescribed by regulation 4;

“certified” means certified as a true copy of the original by a commissioner of oaths appointed under section 5, or designated under section 6, of the Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Oaths Act, 1963 (Act No. 16 of 1963);

“equivalent qualification” means a qualification obtained after full-time education, tuition and training of similar course and comprising of similar subjects as set out in these regulations;

“the Act” means the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004); and

“therapeutic radiographer” means a person registered to practice the profession of therapeutic radiographer.

### **Minimum requirements of study for registration as therapeutic radiographer**

**2.** (1) Subject to section 19 in the Act, the Council may register a person as therapeutic radiographer, if the person holds any of the following qualifications -

- (a) Bachelor of Science Degree in Radiation Therapy, after receiving full-time education, tuition and training for a period of not less than four years;
- (b) National Diploma in Radiography (Therapy) after receiving full-time education, tuition and training for a period of not less than three years;
- (b) National Diploma in Therapeutic Radiography, after receiving full-time education, tuition and training for a period of not less than three years obtained before 1 January 1980; or
- (c) an equivalent qualification.

(2) The curriculum of study of the qualifications contemplated in subregulation (1) must include the following subjects -

- (a) human sciences;
- (b) health science literacy;
- (c) medical imaging and radiation oncology;
- (d) physical sciences;
- (e) radiation therapy practice;
- (f) health science research;
- (g) physics of radiation therapy;
- (h) palliative care in radiation oncology;
- (i) advanced radiotherapy dosimetry and graphic plan;
- (j) radiation science;
- (k) psychodynamics of patient management;

- (l) clinical radiographic practice;
- (m) anatomy;
- (n) radiographic pathology;
- (o) applied psychology; or
- (p) radiobiology.

### **Application for registration as therapeutic radiographer**

3. (1) A person may apply for registration as a therapeutic radiographer in terms of section 20 of the Act and that application must be -

- (a) submitted to the registrar in the form determined by the Council;
- (b) accompanied by -
  - (i) a certified copy of the identity document or passport of the applicant;
  - (ii) payment of the application fees determined by the Council; and
  - (iii) additional documents that the Council may require.

(2) The Council may require the applicant to furnish proof, in the manner that the Council determines, of the proficiency in the English language.

### **Registrable additional qualifications**

4. The additional qualifications specified in the Annexure may be registered as additional qualifications under section 32(1)(a) of the Act in the name of a therapeutic radiographer.

### **Registers**

5. The register of therapeutic radiographers established and kept in terms of section 24(2) of the Act must contain, in addition to the particulars specified by subsection (3) of that section, any change in particulars recorded in the register.

### **Restoration of name to register**

6. An application in terms of section 26(1) of the Act for the restoration of the name of a person to a register, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in subsection (2) of that section, must be accompanied by -

- (a) a certified copy of the identity document or passport of the applicant; and
- (b) the original registration certificate issued to the applicant under section 21(4)(b) of the Act or a certified copy.

### **Language of forms and documents**

7. (1) Subject to subregulation (2), any document required to be submitted to the Council or the registrar in terms of these regulations must be in the English language.

(2) Any document that is not in the English language must be accompanied by a sworn translation of it in English.

### **Scope of practice of therapeutic radiographers**

- 8.** The following acts fall within the scope of practice of a therapeutic radiographer -
- (a) assisting the radiation oncologist or medical practitioner in medical procedures associated with the practice of radiotherapy and to have at hand all such medicines and equipment as are prescribed by the radiation oncologist or medical practitioner;
  - (b) carrying out computerised planning of patient treatments and carrying out treatment with the approval of the radiation oncologist;
  - (c) patient positioning and immobilisation;
  - (d) treating by superficial megavoltage external beams and verification;
  - (e) caring for the patient during localisation, planning and therapeutic procedures as instructed by the radiation oncologist or medical practitioner;
  - (f) assisting the radiation oncologist or medical practitioner with procedures for the localisation of tumours and surrounding tissues and carrying out planning of patient treatments under the direction of the radiologist or medical practitioner;
  - (g) noting any adverse change in the condition of the patient and reporting to the radiation oncologist or medical practitioner immediately;
  - (h) assisting in the storage, handling and administration of therapeutic radioactive isotopes (sealed and unsealed), under the direction of the radiologist or medical practitioner;
  - (i) utilising ionising radiation for irradiating any material for clinical or research purposes, under the direction of the radiologist or medical practitioner;
  - (j) assisting with quality control of accessories, techniques and procedures associated with the practice of radiotherapy, and assisting the radiologist or medical practitioner in the quality control of equipment associated with the practice of radiotherapy; and
  - (k) keeping accurate records of all procedures and treatments.

### **ANNEXURE** **REGISTRABLE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS** (Regulation 4)

#### **Qualification:**

#### **Abbreviation**

Bachelor's Degree in Technology (Therapeutic)	B-Tech
Doctorate of Philosophy in Radiography	PhD (Radiography)
Honours Bachelor Degree in Radiography	B-Rad Honours
Honours Bachelor of Science Degree in Medicine	B.Sc. Med Honours
Masters of Philosophy in Radiography	M.Phil. (Radiography)
Masters of Science Degree in Medicine (Radiotherapy)	M.Sc. Med (Rad)
Masters Degree in Radiography	M.Rad
Masters Degree in Technology	M.Tech
Doctorate in Radiography	D.Sc. (Radiography)