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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**NOTICE 1806 OF 2023****HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO.56 OF 1974)****REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY PRACTITIONERS, 2023**

The Minister of Health intends, under section 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) and on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, to make the regulations in the Schedule.

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



DR M.J. PHAAHLA, MP**MINISTER OF HEALTH**

DATE: 07/05/2023

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these Regulations, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act has the meaning so assigned, unless the context otherwise indicates-

“**professional board**” means the Professional Board Occupational Therapy, Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics and Arts Therapy established in terms of section 15 of the Act;

“**orientation and mobility practitioner**” means a person registered as such in terms of the Act;

“**supervised practice**” means the acceptance of liability by a supervising practitioner for the acts of another practitioner; a practitioner in training or a practitioner registered under supervised practice; and

“**the Act**” means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974).

Registration as orientation and mobility practitioner

2. (1) The registrar may register as an Orientation and Mobility Practitioner any person who holds any one of the following qualifications, which shall include experiential training obtained under supervision of an Occupational Therapist in a training facility approved by the Board for this purpose:

	QUALIFICATION	EXAMINING AUTHORITY
	Orientation and Mobility Instructor Certificate	South African Guide-Dog Association
	Orientation and Mobility Instructor Certificate	Orientation and Mobility School/College of Orientation and Mobility

	QUALIFICATION	EXAMINING AUTHORITY
	Orientation and Mobility Instructor Certificate	University of Johannesburg Technikon Witswatersrand
	National Diploma: Orientation and Mobility Practice for Blind and Partially Sighted Persons	Education Training and Development Practice - SETA

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Regulations, any person who has worked as an Orientation and Mobility Practitioner for a minimum period of five years prior to date of promulgation of these Regulations may apply to the Board for registration as an Orientation and Mobility Practitioner, and the Board may exempt such person from the requirements of subregulation (1).

(3) The Registrar must register as an Orientation and Mobility Practitioner any person who has been exempted from the provisions of these regulations in terms of subregulation (2).

Application for registration

3. (1) A person who worked as an Orientation and Mobility Practitioner for a minimum period of five years immediately prior to the date of the promulgation of these Regulations must apply to the registrar on a Form supplied by the Professional Board.

(2) An application referred to in subregulation (1) must be accompanied by evidence of practice or employment as an Orientation and Mobility Practitioner.

Short title

4. These Regulations are called Regulations relating to the Registration of Orientation and Mobility Practitioners, 2023.