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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

No. 139

2014

REGULATIONS RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH PRACTITIONERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER
INTERNS AND RESTORATION OF NAMES TO REGISTER:
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 2004

Under section 55 of the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004), read with sections 20, 24 and 26 of that Act, and on the recommendation of the Allied Health Professions Council of Namibia, I have made the regulations set out in the Schedule.

R.N. KAMWI
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 18 August 2014

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PART I
PRELIMINARY

Definitions

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, a word or expression defined in the Act has that meaning, and -

“applicant” means any person making an application in accordance with these regulations;

“approved facility” means any private practice, hospital, clinic or other health facility in Namibia defined in section 1 of the Hospitals and Health Facilities Act, 1994 (Act No. 36 of 1994), approved by the Council for the purpose of the training of environmental health practitioner interns, and “facility” has a corresponding meaning;

“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);

“environmental health practitioner intern” means any person registered as such under these regulations for the purpose of completing internship training as an environmental health practitioner intern, and “intern” has a corresponding meaning;

“registration authority” means the registration authority of a country responsible for the registration of a person to practice as an environmental health practitioner or environmental health practitioner intern in that country; and

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

PART II REGISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

Application for registration as environmental health practitioner and submitting of particulars

2. (1) An application for the registration of a person as an environmental health practitioner under section 20 of the Act must be accompanied, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in subsection (2) of that section, by -

- (a) a certified photocopy of the identity document or passport of the applicant;
- (b) proof, to the satisfaction of the Council, that he or she has completed the prescribed internship, if applicable; and
- (c) if the applicant obtained the qualification referred to in paragraph (a) of that subsection in a country other than Namibia, subject to subregulation (2), the original certificate of registration to practise as an environmental health practitioner in the country in which the applicant obtained that qualification, issued by the registration authority of that country.

(2) If the applicant is not registered with the registration authority referred to in paragraph (c) of subregulation (1), the applicant must submit, together with his or her application for registration as an environmental health practitioner -

- (a) a certificate, issued by that registration authority, certifying that the qualification or qualifications of which the applicant is the holder, entitles him or her to registration as an environmental health practitioner in that country; or
- (b) if he or she had been so registered previously, a certificate issued by that registration authority confirming that previous registration and that his or her name has been removed from the register, and specifying the grounds for the removal.

(3) The Council may require the applicant to furnish proof, in the manner that the Council may determine, of the applicant’s proficiency in the English language.

PART III
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER INTERN

Registration and training of environmental health practitioner intern

3. (1) A person who is the holder of a Diploma in Environmental Health prescribed by these regulations or obtained at an educational institution approved by the Council, after the full time study for a period of three years at that educational institution, and which Diploma is prescribed under the Act as a minimum qualification required for registration as an environmental health practitioner, must complete, after having obtained that qualification and before he or she is entitled to registration as an environmental health practitioner, training as an environmental health practitioner intern -

- (a) at an approved facility; and
- (b) for the period of time and in the manner prescribed by regulation 4.

(2) An application for the registration of a person as an environmental health practitioner intern must be -

- (a) made in the form determined and supplied by the Council; and
- (b) be submitted to the registrar.

(3) An application form submitted to the registrar in accordance with subregulation (2) (b) must be accompanied by -

- (a) documentary proof, to the satisfaction of the Council, that the applicant is the holder of a qualification required for registration as an environmental health practitioner under the Act, issued by the educational institution at which the applicant obtained the qualification;
- (b) if the applicant had been registered previously as an environmental health practitioner intern or an environmental health practitioner in a country other than Namibia, or is still so registered, a certificate of good standing from the registration authority with which the applicant had been so registered or is still so registered, which certificate must have been issued not more than 120 days before the date of the submission of the application for registration to the registrar;
- (c) a certified photocopy of the identity document or the passport of the applicant;
- (d) the additional documents and information that the Council may determine; and
- (e) payment of the application fees, determined by the Council under section 27 of the Act, relating to the registration of an environmental health practitioner intern.

(4) The Council, after having considered the application for registration as an intern, and the documents and other information referred to in subregulation (3) -

- (a) may grant the application for the registration of the applicant as an environmental health practitioner intern, if the Council is satisfied that the applicant -
 - (i) meets the requirements for registration as an environmental health practitioner intern;
 - (ii) has complied with this regulation;

- (iii) is proficient in the English language; and
 - (iv) has paid to the Council the application fees referred to in subregulation (3) (e); or
- (b) must refuse the application for the registration of the applicant as an environmental health practitioner intern if the Council is satisfied that the applicant -
- (i) does not meet the requirements for registration as an environmental health practitioner intern; or
 - (ii) has not complied with these regulations.
- (5) The Council must -
- (a) inform the applicant in writing of the decision of the Council under subregulation (4);
 - (b) issue, if the application for registration is granted, to the applicant a certificate of registration in the form determined by the Council, and enter the name of the applicant into the register;
 - (c) inform the applicant in writing, if the application for registration is refused, as soon as practicable of the grounds for the refusal.
- (6) Upon the submission to the Council of an application by a person in accordance with subregulation (2) for registration as an environmental health practitioner intern, and if that person submits documentary proof, to the satisfaction of the Council, that he or she has -
- (a) completed in a country other than Namibia and at an appropriate facility, after obtaining a minimum qualification required for registration as an environmental health practitioner; or
 - (b) practised as an environmental health practitioner in a country other than Namibia for the period and under the circumstances that may afford him or her,

experience and training substantially equivalent to the practical training prescribed by regulation 4, the Council may exempt, on the conditions that it may determine, that person from the requirements of registration and training as an environmental health practitioner intern in Namibia, or may reduce the prescribed period of training as an intern by the period of time that the Council may determine, if the Council is satisfied that the completion of the training referred to in paragraph (a) or the practising as an environmental health practitioner referred to in paragraph (b) is substantially equivalent to the internship training prescribed by regulation 4.

(7) Notwithstanding any provision of these regulations, any person who is the holder of a four year qualification prescribed for registration as an environmental health practitioner, is exempted from completing any internship prescribed by these regulations.

Period and manner of training of environmental health practitioner intern and agreement of internship

4. (1) An environmental health practitioner intern must complete, in the manner prescribed by these regulations, internship training at an approved facility for a period of one year.

(2) If the internship training prescribed by subregulation (1) is interrupted at any time, the period of the interruption must be added to the period of the prescribed internship training so that,

notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, an environmental health practitioner intern receives internship training for a total period of not less than one year.

(3) An interruption in the internship training, irrespective of the duration thereof, referred to in subregulation (2), includes any leave or sick leave taken by an environmental health practitioner intern or any other absence from the internship training, whether with or without the approval of the Council or of the approved facility.

(4) The one year environmental health practitioner internship prescribed by subregulation (1) must be completed within a period of two years after the date of the first registration of the environmental health practitioner intern as such.

(5) If an environmental health practitioner intern fails to comply with subregulation (4), his or her registration as an intern must be regarded as cancelled, subject to subregulation (6), as from the date upon which the one year period prescribed by subregulation (4), is exceeded.

(6) The Council may extend in writing, upon a written application by the environmental health practitioner intern to the Council and on good cause shown, the period of two years prescribed by subregulation (4), within which the environmental health practitioner internship must be completed.

(7) Before any person may commence with his or her internship at an approved facility, he or she must -

- (a) obtain the minimum qualification referred to in subregulation (1) of regulation 3 required for registration as an environmental health practitioner under the Act;
- (b) register with the Council as an environmental health practitioner intern in accordance with these regulations;
- (c) enter into a written agreement of internship with the approved facility where he or she wants to complete the internship, in the form and containing the provisions and conditions that the Council may determine; and
- (d) obtain from the Council a written approval of the agreement of internship contemplated in paragraph (c).

(8) The Council may specify in writing, when approving a facility for the purpose of the completing of the internship of an environmental health practitioner intern, that only a specified portion of the training of the intern must be undertaken at that facility, and that the remainder of the training must be undertaken at another approved facility or other approved facilities so specified.

(9) If at any time during the period of internship training of an environmental health practitioner intern pursuant to these regulations, the Council considers any training completed at the approved facility to be inadequate or unsatisfactory for any reason, the Council may withdraw its approval of the written agreement of internship referred to in paragraph (a) of subregulation (7) by means of a written notice to both the approved facility and the environmental health practitioner intern, after having afforded both the approved facility and the environmental health practitioner intern the opportunity to be heard.

(10) Unless the Council otherwise determines, on good cause shown, any period of internship completed by an environmental health practitioner intern under an agreement of internship cancelled in accordance with subregulation (9), is null and void.

(11) The Council must furnish an environmental health practitioner intern, before he or she commences his or her internship training, with copies of all the regulations and rules of professional conduct applicable to environmental health practitioners.

(12) An environmental health practitioner intern is subject, during his or her period of internship, to all the rules of professional conduct applicable to environmental health practitioners referred to in subregulation (11).

(13) The criteria pertaining to environmental health practitioner internship training are set out in the Annexure.

Cancellation of internship, and change of name

- 5.** (1) An environmental health practitioner intern -
- (a) must notify the Council in writing of the termination of his or her internship within a period of 30 days after that termination;
 - (b) who intends to cancel his or her agreement of internship with an approved facility and to enter into a new agreement of internship with any other approved facility, must apply to the Council in writing for approval of the new agreement of internship not less than 30 days before the date of the intended commencement of the internship training in terms of the new agreement.
- (2) An application in terms of paragraph (b) of subregulation (1) must be accompanied by -
- (a) documentary proof, to the satisfaction of the Council, of the cancellation of the existing agreement of internship; and
 - (b) a certified copy of the new agreement of internship entered into by and between the approved facility and the environmental health practitioner intern, which agreement must be approved by the Council.
- (3) If the name of an environmental health practitioner intern is changed for any reason, he or she must inform the Council in writing, and submit to the Council documentary proof, of the change of name within a period of 30 days after the occurrence thereof, and must submit to the Council the other particulars relating thereto that it may require in writing.

Completion of internship

6. (1) Upon the completion of internship by an environmental health practitioner intern in accordance with these regulations, he or she must submit proof to the Council, by way of a certificate issued by the approved facility or approved facilities where he or she completed the internship, that he or she has duly undertaken and satisfactorily completed the internship.

(2) The Council must determine the form of the certificate prescribed by subregulation (1), and the particulars that it must contain.

(3) The Council must not register any person as an environmental health practitioner, subject to subregulation (7) of regulation 3, unless he or she has submitted the certificate prescribed by subregulation (1) to the Council.

PART IV
REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Registrable additional qualifications

7. The following qualifications may be registered as additional qualifications against the name of an environmental health practitioner, if the qualification is not the qualification by virtue of which he or she was registered as an environmental health practitioner in the first instance

**Educational Institution or
Examining Authority**

Qualification

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

University of Namibia

Masters Degree in Public Health

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Department of National Education

National Diploma for Health Education

National Diploma in Public Health

National Diploma for Health Inspectors

National Higher Diploma in Public Health

National Diploma in Pollution Control

University of Fort Hare
(formerly also East London Campus of
Rhodes University)

Bachelor of Science Degree in Hygiene

North West University
(formerly Potchefstroom University
of Christian Higher Education)

Bachelor of Science Degree in Hygiene

University of South Africa
(formerly Unisa, Technikon SA and Vudec)

Bachelor of Science Degree in Hygiene

University of Limpopo
(formerly the Medical University of
South Africa and University of the North)

Honours Bachelor Degree of Science
in Environmental Health

Master of Science (Medical)
In Environmental health

Doctor of Philosophy in
Environmental health

University of Johannesburg
(formerly Technikon Witwatersrand)

Masters Diploma in Technology
Public Health

UNITED KINGDOM OF BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Royal Society of Health

Certificate in Advanced Knowledge of the
Duties of a Health Inspector

	Certificate of Sanitary Sciences
	Certificate of Tropical Hygiene
	Public Health Inspector's Diploma
Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board	Certificate for Sanitary Inspectors
Royal Sanitary Institute	Certificate
Royal Society for the Promotion of Health	Certificate
	Diploma for Public Health Inspectors New Zealand
	Diploma in Public Health Inspection for General Overseas Appointments
	Certificate of Tropical Hygiene
Public Health Inspectors Education Board	Public Health Inspectors Diploma
University of Liverpool	Degree of Master of Community Health
Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh (formerly Queen Margaret College and Queen Margaret University College)	Diploma in Primary Health Care
Cardiff University	Masters Degree in Public Health
Leeds University	Masters Degree in Public Health

Registration of additional qualifications

8. An application for the registration of an additional qualification in accordance with subsection (3) of section 32 of the Act must be accompanied, in addition to the documents and particulars specified in that subsection, by a certified photocopy of the identity document or passport of the applicant.

PART V REGISTER AND RESTORATION OF NAME TO REGISTER

Register of environmental health practitioners

9. The register of environmental health practitioners established and kept in accordance with subsection (2)(a) of section 24 of the Act, must contain, in addition to the particulars specified by subsection (3) of that section, particulars of the additional qualifications registered against the name of the environmental health practitioner, and any change in any of the particulars recorded in the register.

Register of environmental health practitioner interns

10. The register of environmental health practitioner interns established and kept in accordance with subsection (2)(c) section 24 of the Act must contain, in addition to the particulars specified by subsection (3) of that section, particulars of the approved facility where the environmental health

practitioner intern is completing his or her internship, and the date upon which the internship commenced and must be completed, including any change in any of the particulars recorded in the register.

Restoration of name to register

11. (1) An application in accordance with section 26(1) of the Act for the restoration to a register of the name of an environmental health practitioner or an environmental health practitioner intern must be accompanied by -

- (a) the original registration certificate issued under section 21(4)(b) of the Act or regulation 3(6)(b) of these regulations, whichever may be applicable, or if for any reason the original certificate cannot be submitted, proof to the satisfaction of the Council that the applicant had been so registered; and
- (b) a certificate, in the form determined by the Council, by two environmental health practitioners, confirming the identity and good character of the applicant.

(2) If the applicant is unable to comply with the requirements of paragraph (b) of subregulation (1), the Council may accept a certificate by two other persons registered under the Act.

PART VI GENERAL

Language of forms and documents

12. (1) Any form or document required to be submitted to the Council or to the registrar in terms of these regulations must be, subject to subregulation (2), in the English language.

(2) Any form or document referred to in subregulation (1) that is not in the English language, it must be accompanied by a sworn translation thereof into that language, acceptable to the Council.

ANNEXURE

CRITERIA PERTAINING TO ONE YEAR PERIOD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER INTERNSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME (Regulation 4(13))

The training of an environmental health practitioner intern during the one year environmental health practitioner internship prescribed by subregulation (1) of regulation 4 must take place at an approved facility by means of training, in the manner and to the extent that the Council may determine, in each of the following domains of, or relating to, environmental health:

- (a) Community Development;
 - (b) Environmental Pollution Control;
 - (c) Occupational Health and Safety;
 - (d) Food and Meat Hygiene;
 - (e) Communicable and vector borne disease control;
 - (f) Practice Management; and
 - (g) Ethics and Jurisprudence in Environmental Health.
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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

No. 140

2014

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF STUDY FOR
REGISTRATION AS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER ASSISTANT:
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 2004**

Under section 55 of the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004), read with section 19(1) of that Act and on the recommendation of the Allied Health Professions Council of Namibia, I have made the regulations set out in the Schedule.

R.N. KAMWI
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 25 August 2014

SCHEDULE**Definitions**

1. In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been given in the Act has the same meaning and unless the context otherwise indicates

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

Minimum qualifications of study for registration as an environmental health practitioner assistant

2. (1) Subject to subregulation (3) and in terms of section 19(1) and other requirements prescribed under the Act, the minimum requirements of study for registration, set as the minimum requirements that apply to the registration of a person as an environmental health practitioner assistant, are a diploma or certificate in environmental health obtained at an educational institution approved by the Council for that purpose.

(2) The qualification referred to in subregulation (1) must be obtained after full time education, tuition and training in environmental health for a period of two years at that educational institution, which must include -

- (a) education, tuition and training relating to environmental health in the subjects of -
- (i) social studies, health education primary health care;
 - (ii) environmental health management;
 - (iii) food and nutrition;
 - (iv) physics and chemistry;
 - (v) anatomy and physiology;
 - (vi) microbiology and parasitology;
 - (vii) communicable and vector borne diseases control;
 - (viii) building inspection and house inspection;
 - (ix) environmental pollution control;

- (x) food and meat hygiene; and
- (xi) occupational health and safety; and
- (b) practical training in -
 - (i) water and sanitation;
 - (ii) food and meat hygiene;
 - (iii) communicable and vector borne diseases control; and
 - (iv) occupational health and safety.
- (3) The Council may register a person who complies with subregulation (1) as an environmental health practitioner assistant, where -
 - (a) the Council approves the educational institution or examining authority at which that person obtained the qualification;
 - (b) the registration authority responsible for the registration of a person to practice as an environmental health practitioner assistant in the country in which that person obtained the qualification, recognises that qualification as a qualification for the registration of a person to practise as an environmental health practitioner assistant in that country; and
 - (c) that person complies with the other requirements for registration as an environmental health practitioner assistant prescribed by or under the Act.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

No. 141

2014

REGULATIONS RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER ASSISTANTS AND RESTORATION OF A NAME TO A REGISTER: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 2004

Under section 55 of the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004), read with sections 24 and 26 of that Act and on the recommendation of the Allied Health Professions Council of Namibia, I have made the regulations set out in the Schedule.

R.N. KAMWI
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 25 August 2014

SCHEDULE

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“applicant” means any person making an application in accordance with these regulations;

“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);

“registration authority” means the registration authority of a country responsible for the registration of a person to practice as an environmental health practitioner in that country; and

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

Application for registration as an environmental health practitioner assistant and submitting of particulars

2. (1) An application for the registration of a person as an environmental health practitioner assistant under section 20 of the Act must be accompanied by -

- (a) the documents and particulars specified in by section 20(2);
- (b) a certified photocopy of the identity document or passport of the applicant; and
- (c) if the applicant obtained the qualification referred to in section 20(2)(a) in a country other than Namibia, and subject to subregulation (2), the original certificate of registration issued by the registration authority of that country to practise as an environmental health practitioner assistant where he or she obtained that qualification.

(2) If the applicant is not registered with the registration authority referred to in paragraph (c) of subregulation (1), the applicant must submit -

- (a) an application for registration as an environmental health practitioner assistant -
- (b) a certificate issued by that registration authority certifying that the qualification or qualifications of which the applicant is the holder entitles him or her to register as an environmental health practitioner assistant in that country; or
- (c) if he or she has been registered previously, a certificate issued by that registration authority -
 - (i) confirming the previous registration;
 - (ii) that his or her name has been removed from the register; and
 - (iii) specifying the grounds for such removal.

(3) The Council may require the applicant to furnish proof, in the manner that the Council may determine, of the applicant’s proficiency in the English language.

Register of environmental health practitioner assistants

3. The register of environmental health practitioner assistants established and kept in accordance with subsection (2)(a) of section 24 of the Act, must contain in addition to the particulars specified by subsection (3) of that section, any change in any of the particulars recorded in the register.

Restoration of name to register

4. (1) An application in accordance with section 26(1) of the Act for the restoration to a register of the name of an environmental health practitioner assistant must comply with the provisions of subsection (2) of that section and subregulation (2) of this regulation.

- (2) An application referred to in subregulation (1) must be accompanied by -

- (a) the original registration certificate issued under section 21(4)(b) of the Act or regulation 2(2)(c) of these regulations, whichever may be applicable, or where the original certificate cannot be submitted, proof to the satisfaction of the Council that the applicant has been so registered; and
- (b) a certified photocopy of the identity document or passport of the applicant.

Language of forms and documents

5. (1) Any form or document required for submission to the Council or to the registrar in terms of these regulations must be, subject to subregulation (2), in the English language.

(2) Any form or document referred to in subregulation (1) that is not in the English language must be accompanied by a sworn translation into that language, acceptable to the Council.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

No. 142

2014

REGULATIONS RELATING TO SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER ASSISTANT: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 2004

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

R.N. KAMWI
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 25 August 2014

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been given in the Act has the same meaning and unless the context otherwise indicates -

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

Scope of practice of environmental health practitioner assistant

2. (1) An environmental health practitioner assistant must practice his or her profession under the supervision of an environmental health practitioner.

(2) The acts pertaining to the scope of practice of an environmental health practitioner assistant, performed within the area of his or her jurisdiction and on the instructions of an environmental health practitioner, are relating to -

- (a) water services is -
 - (i) the collecting of water samples for laboratory analysis;
 - (ii) the conducting of field tests relating to public and community water supply in residential areas and informal settlements to determine the requirements relating to the supply of water and sanitation in those areas; and

- (iii) the provision of health education to the public on the proper and safe usage of water and waste water disposal;
- (b) food safety control -
 - (i) the assisting in the sampling of foodstuffs sold by informal traders for microbiological and chemical purposes;
 - (ii) the collecting of preliminary food and milk cholera swabs;
 - (iii) cooking oil indicator samples for non-forensic analysis;
 - (iv) conducting of health education programmes for food handlers, including personal hygiene, sanitising of food contact surfaces and cleaning procedures and methods;
 - (v) the prevention of food contamination from any source including soil, water, air, plants, animals and humans;
 - (vi) assisting in food borne illness investigations;
 - (vii) conducting of surveys of both formal and informal food trading enterprises for statistical purposes; and
 - (viii) assisting in the seizure, removal, safekeeping and proper disposal of unsafe foodstuffs;
- (c) vector control -
 - (i) in the conducting of regular surveys and monitoring programmes, including the trapping and poisoning of rodents and the submitting of rodent carcasses for laboratory identification;
 - (ii) ensuring the effective destruction and control of rodents, cockroaches, bedbugs, fleas, flies, mosquitoes and other vermin by means of the correct and appropriate selection of chemicals, materials and equipment; and
 - (iii) the conducting of ditching and other vector control programmes;
- (d) health education, promotion and community development in identifying of specific community health project needs and requirements, including assisting in -
 - (i) the planning, organising and implementing of projects;
 - (ii) the training of specific target groups in the communities and implementing of programmes to train persons for the purpose of acting as trainers in the community;
 - (iii) the arranging of joint programmes and campaigns with other Ministries and Departments in the Ministry and communities including clean up campaigns, ditching of drains and tuberculosis campaigns;
 - (iv) convening and attending of meetings in communities for purposes of informing the communities of the activities of the Social Work Department of the Ministry;

- (v) delivering of health education talks at clinics, schools and workplaces and in communities including talks on tuberculosis, human immunodeficiency virus, the acquired immune deficiency syndrome, cholera, typhoid, diarrhoea and other environmental health related diseases; and
 - (vi) providing health education in respect of health related problems in communities including bad odour, flies and disposal of waste;
- (e) communicable disease control which is -
- (i) the assisting with the co-ordination of the district communicable disease surveillance programme in hospitals and health facilities;
 - (ii) conducting of investigations into infectious disease and epidemic notifications, identifying and referring persons who made contact with tuberculosis patients, including suspected cases of tuberculosis;
 - (iii) at clinics, the assisting with the following up of defaulter patients at health facilities, the advising of environmental health related infectious disease patients, their relatives, employers and coworkers relating to health education;
 - (iv) initiating and creating awareness of “Directly Observed Treatment of Tuberculosis, and liaising with community leaders, traditional health practitioners, church organisations and volunteers to encourage implementation and the education of volunteers;
 - (v) assisting with all animal bite investigations in liaison with State veterinarians, district surgeons, hospitals and clinics, including the affixing of anti-rabies posters at strategic points; and
 - (vi) collecting of specimens in all cases of notifiable diseases for laboratory testing and the conducting of rabies certificate surveys;
- (f) environmental pollution control which is -
- (i) the assisting in the investigation of environmental pollution complaints relating to air, water, soil and noise;
 - (ii) the conducting of field surveys to determine the impact of pollution on communities;
 - (iii) disseminating of information relating to pollution to industries and communities;
 - (iv) assisting in the taking of soil, air and dust samples for analysis in laboratories;
 - (v) conducting of surveys of fumigating entities, premises where chemicals are manufactured, transported or stored;
 - (vi) the furnishing of information to communities regarding the safe use of paraffin; and
 - (vii) the inspection of the measures employed for the prevention of air, water and soil pollution, including radiation hazard prevention and control;

- (g) research and development relating to health, are the inspection of all matters pertaining to the identification, design and conduct of research incidental to environmental health, including the development of new methods and technologies for environmental health practice;
- (h) occupational health and safety, are the inspection of building, (including the assessment of the health and safety risks that all employees occupying, as well as the public visiting, those buildings, are exposed to, and to determine whether the buildings comply with the “Regulations relating to health and safety of employees at work” published under Government Notice No. 156 of 1 August 1997; and
- (i) industrial, commercial and housing developments and development programmes, which is -
 - (i) the inspection of building plans for safety, health, adequacy of lighting, ventilation, space and amenities; and
 - (ii) the orientation and aesthetics including accessibility to sanitary services;
- (j) waste management, including in cemeteries and crematoria, is the inspection of the handling, storage, transportation and disposal of industrial, domestic and commercial solid and other waste, including waste, effluents and sludge from health and veterinary care facilities;
- (k) port health is -
 - (i) the inspection of the safety and hygiene of road, air and sea-going vessels, including all matters pertaining to the transportation of foodstuffs;
 - (ii) the prevention of disease importation; and
 - (iii) the occurring of general accidents and the management of hazardous substances; and
- (l) any other matter or condition incidental to or of environmental health significance which if unattended could compromise the quality of public and environmental health,

and to report to the environmental health practitioner who supervises him or her the results of his or her research and other actions prescribed by these regulations, including recommendations for the rectification of any shortcomings that he or she is aware of during such inspections and actions and the promotion of healthy lifestyles and the education of all persons relating to such lifestyles.

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REGULATIONS RELATING TO ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED
BY ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA IN RESPECT OF
REGISTRATION OF A PERSON AS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER:
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 2004

Under section 55 of the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004) read with section 22(1)(b)(ii) of that Act and on the recommendation of the Allied Health Professions Council of Namibia, I have made the regulations set out in the Schedule.

R.N. KAMWI
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 25 August 2014

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been given in the Act has the same meaning and unless the context otherwise indicates -

“applicant” means a person registered conditionally as an environmental health practitioner, and who has applied for full registration;

“conditional registration” as an environmental health practitioner means the conditional registration, under section 22(2)(a) of the Act, of a person as an environmental health practitioner, and “registered conditionally” has a corresponding meaning;

“full registration” as an environmental health practitioner means the registration under section 21(2)(a) of the Act of a person as an environmental health practitioner and does not include conditional registration as an environmental health practitioner; and

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

Prescribed additional examinations for environmental health practitioners

2. (1) A person registered conditionally as an environmental health practitioner under section 22(2) of the Act, must pass, in addition to the other requirements prescribed by or under the Act and to the satisfaction of the Council, the additional examinations prescribed by subregulation (2).

(2) The prescribed additional examinations referred to in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of section 22 of the Act and in subregulation (1), are examinations in each of the following domain:

- (a) the relevant legislation and policies relating to -
 - (i) communicable disease and vector borne disease control;
 - (ii) occupational health and safety;
 - (iii) environmental pollution control;
 - (iv) food and meat hygiene;
 - (v) community development; and
 - (vi) management practice,
- (b) Jurisprudence and Ethics relating to Environmental Health; and
- (c) the Allied Health Professions Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004), including the Regulations made in force under the Act, relating to environmental health practitioners.

Conducting of examinations

- 3.** (1) The examinations prescribed by regulation 2 -

- (a) must be conducted -
 - (i) by the Council; or
 - (ii) for and on behalf of the Council by a person or institution, whether in Namibia or elsewhere, appointed by the Council for that purpose; or
 - (iii) by an institution outside Namibia recognised by the Council as competent to conduct examinations in the in the domain prescribed by regulation 2;
 - (b) may be -
 - (i) written, oral or practical examinations; or
 - (ii) written, oral and practical examinations; and
 - (c) must be taken by the applicant on the date and at the time and venue notified in writing by the Council to the applicant.
- (2) A notice by the Council under paragraph (c) of subregulation (1) must be sent to the applicant -
- (a) by pre-paid registered post, addressed to his or her postal address as it appears on his or her application for registration; and
 - (b) not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days before the date of the examinations prescribed by subregulation (1).
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