

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID**

No. R. 454

**20 May 2005****HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)****REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH ASSISTANTS**

The Minister of Health intends, in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, in terms of section 61(1), read with section 24 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), 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 the attention of the Director: Human Resource Development), within one month of the date of publication of this notice.

**SCHEDULE****Definitions**

1. In these regulations word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates –

**"board"** means the Professional Board for Environmental Health Practitioners established in terms of section 15(1) of the Act;

**"environmental assistant"** means a person registered as such in terms of the Act; and

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

**Registration as environmental health assistant**

2. (1) The board may approve an application by any person for registration as an environmental health assistant on the basis of previous experience and training, length of environmental health service and the recognition of prior learning obtained in an environmental health facility or any other institution recognised by the board.

(2) If the application referred to in subregulation (1) is approved by the board, such applicant may be required to undergo an examination in the environmental health conducted by the board in terms of section 15B of the Act.

(3) The registrar may register a person as an environmental health assistant if such person's application for registration has been approved by the board, or in the case of an applicant referred to in subregulation (2), if such applicant has passed the examination referred to in that subregulation.

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