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HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONS BOARD**

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 15 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) as amended by Act No. 29 of 2007, and on the recommendation of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE**Definitions**

1. In these regulations **"the Act"** means the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974) as amended by Act No. 29 of 2007, and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise -

"board" means the Medical and Dental Professions Board established in terms of section 15 of the Act;

"designated groups" means black people, women and persons with disabilities who, for the purposes of these regulations, shall be protected and advanced in the following order of the levels of disadvantage of the past, which must be taken into consideration in the appointment process:

- (a) women;
- (b) men of African, Asian or coloured descent; and
- (c) disabled persons, irrespective of descent; and

"section" means a section of the Act.

Constitution of the board

2. The board shall consist of the following 45 members who permanently reside in South Africa:

- (a) twenty-five medical practitioners, of whom at least seventy-five percent shall be from designated groups with at least forty percent women and at least nine provincial representatives, who shall be appointed by the Minister on the basis of nominations by persons with registered postal addresses in the Republic and whose names appear in the register of medical practitioners;
- (b) five dentists, of whom at least seventy five percent shall be from designated groups with at least forty percent women and not more than one may reside in the same province, who shall be appointed by the Minister on the basis of