

Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Medical Registration Act (Chapter 174 of the 2004 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Dental Registration Act (Chapter 76 of the 2009 Revised Edition), the Pharmacists Registration Act (Chapter 230 of the 2008 Revised Edition) and the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (Chapter 248 of the 1999 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Medical Registration (Amendment) Act 2009 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Medical Registration Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “certificate of experience”, the following definitions:

“ “Complaints Committee” means a committee appointed by the chairman of the Complaints Panel under section 40;

“Complaints Panel” means the panel appointed by the Medical Council under section 38;”;

- (b) by deleting the definition of “conditional registration” and substituting the following definition:

“ “conditional registration” means registration in Part II of the Register of Medical Practitioners pursuant to section 21 or any other provision of this Act, which registration is subject to any condition or restriction as may be imposed;”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “degree”, the following definitions:

“ “Disciplinary Tribunal” means a tribunal appointed by the Medical Council under section 50;

“fully registered medical practitioner” means a person registered in Part I of the Register of Medical Practitioners in accordance with section 20(1) or (2), as the case may be;

“Health Committee” means a committee appointed by the Medical Council under section 57;

“Interim Orders Committee” means a committee appointed by the Medical Council under section 59A;”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “President”, the following definition:

“ “professional performance” means the knowledge, skill or care possessed and applied by a registered medical practitioner in the provision of medical services;” and

- (e) by deleting the definition of “Singapore degree” and substituting the following definition:

““Singapore degree” means a degree, diploma or licence in medicine and surgery specified in the First Schedule.”.

New section 2A

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 2 in Part I, the following section:

“Object of Act

2A. The object of this Act is to protect the health and safety of the public by providing for mechanisms to —

- (a) ensure that registered medical practitioners are competent and fit to practise medicine;
- (b) uphold standards of practice within the medical profession; and
- (c) maintain public confidence in the medical profession.”.

Amendment of section 4

4. Section 4(1) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(b) 2 registered medical practitioners from each prescribed medical school in Singapore to be appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the council of the university to which the prescribed medical school belongs, one of whom shall be the Dean of the medical school;”;

- (b) by deleting “9” in paragraph (c) and substituting “12”; and
- (c) by deleting “7” in paragraph (d) and substituting “8”.

Amendment of section 5

5. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (f) and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraphs:

- “(fa) to determine and regulate standards of practice and the competence of registered medical practitioners within the medical profession;
- (fb) to provide administrative services to other bodies (whether corporate