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Read the first time on 25th November 2002.

An Act to amend the Medical Registration Act (Chapter 174 of the 1998 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 2002 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 by inserting, immediately before the definition of “degree”, the following definitions:

“ “certificate of experience” means a certificate granted under section 26;

“conditional registration” means registration under section 20(3), 21(1) or (1A), 33A(1), 46(1) or 49(1) subject to such conditions as the Medical Council may think fit;”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (1)(b);

- (b) by deleting the words “8 registered medical practitioners” in subsection (1)(d) and substituting the words “9 registered medical practitioners”;
- (c) by deleting the words “5 registered medical practitioners” in subsection (1)(e) and substituting the words “7 registered medical practitioners”;
- (d) by deleting the words “subsection (1)(b), (c), (d) and (e)” in subsection (2) and substituting the words “subsection (1)(c), (d) and (e)”; and
- (e) by deleting the words “subsection (1)(b), (c) or (e)” in subsection (4) and substituting the words “subsection (1)(c) or (e)”.

Amendment of section 9

4. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (4) and substituting the following subsection:

“(4) If any vacancy arises among the elected members, the Minister shall, as soon as practicable, appoint any registered medical practitioner resident in Singapore to fill that vacancy.”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “or elected” wherever they appear in subsection (6).

Amendment of section 12

5. Section 12(2) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “6 members” and substituting the words “7 members”.

Amendment of section 19

6. Section 19 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “section 20” in subsection (1)(a)(i) and substituting the words “section 20(1) and (2)”;
- (b) by deleting the words “under section 21” in subsection (1)(a)(ii); and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after subsection (4), the following subsections:

“(5) The Registrar may disclose any information in the registers to any person prescribed by regulations made under this Act, if such disclosure is in accordance with such conditions as may be specified in those regulations.

(6) Subsection (5) is without prejudice to any other right or duty

to disclose the information under general or written law.”.

Amendment of section 20

7. Section 20 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “Singapore degree” in subsection (1), the words “and a certificate of experience”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “Medical Council” where they first appear in the 3rd line of subsection (2), the words “, complies with section 27”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the Medical Council may, if it is of the view that it is not in the public interest for a person referred to in either of those subsections to be registered as a fully registered medical practitioner, direct that he be registered as a medical practitioner with conditional registration in Part II of the Register of Medical Practitioners, and section 21(4) to (8) shall apply accordingly.”.

Amendment of section 21

8. Section 21 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of subsection (1)(b);
- (b) by deleting the comma at the end of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and substituting the word “; and”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(d) complies with section 27,”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) Subject to the provisions of this Act, any person who holds —

- (a) a Singapore degree; and
- (b) a certificate approved by the Medical Council as being equivalent to a certificate of experience and granted by a hospital or an institution outside Singapore that is recognised by the Medical Council for the purpose of this paragraph,