

# **Pharmacists Registration Bill**

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### **Pharmacists Registration Bill**

**Bill No. 18/1979**

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An Act to provide for the registration of pharmacists and for purposes connected therewith; and to repeal the Pharmacists Registration Act (Chapter 223 of the 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 Pharmacists Registration Act, 1979, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

## Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Board” means the Pharmacy Board established under subsection (1) of section 3;

“register” means the register of pharmacists maintained in pursuance of subsection (1) of section 5;

“registered” means registered in the register, and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;

“registered pharmacist” means a person whose name is registered in the register.

## Establishment and constitution of Pharmacy Board

3.—(1) For the purposes of this Act, there shall be established a “Pharmacy Board” which shall consist of —

- (a) the Chief Pharmacist of the Ministry of Health who shall be the president of the Board;
- (b) the Head of the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Singapore;
- (c) a registered pharmacist in the public service of Singapore who shall be appointed by the Minister; and
- (d) such other registered pharmacists, not being more than three in number, as the Minister may appoint.

(2) A person referred to in paragraph (c) or (d) of subsection (1) shall be appointed for a term not exceeding three years; but such person shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) If for any reason the Chief Pharmacist of the Ministry of Health or the Head of the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Singapore is unable to attend a particular meeting of the Board he may nominate some other registered pharmacist in the public service of Singapore or some other member of the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Singapore, as the case may be, to attend the meeting and when so attending such alternate member shall be deemed for all purposes to be a member of the Board.

(4) If any member of the Board dies, or otherwise vacates his office, the vacancy so created shall, as soon as practicable, be filled in the manner in which the appointment to

the vacant office was made; and every person so appointed shall hold office for the residue of the term for which his predecessor was appointed.

(5) The powers of the Board shall not be affected by a vacancy in the membership thereof nor by any defect in the appointment of a member thereof.

### **Meetings of the Board**

4.—(1) The president of the Board shall be the chairman of all meetings of the Board at which he attends.

(2) In the absence of the president from a meeting, the members present shall elect from amongst themselves a person to be the chairman.

(3) The chairman of a meeting of the Board shall have a casting vote.

(4) The Board shall meet at such places and times as the president may appoint and at a meeting of the Board, three members shall form a quorum.

(5) No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Board unless a quorum is present.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board may determine its own procedure.

(7) The Board shall cause proper records of its proceedings to be kept.

### **Register of pharmacists**

5.—(1) For the purposes of this Act, a register of pharmacists shall be kept, in such form as may be prescribed, by the Chief Pharmacist of the Ministry of Health (hereinafter referred to as “the Registrar”) who shall be responsible for the maintenance and custody of the register and shall perform such other duties in connection therewith as may be prescribed.

(2) The register shall contain the names and addresses, and such other particulars (if any) as are prescribed, of all persons who are registered in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

### **Restriction on use of certain titles**

6.—(1) No person shall, unless his name is registered, take or use the name or title of pharmaceutical chemist or pharmacist or druggist or chemist and druggist or pharmacist or apothecary or any other word in another language having the same meaning or being to the like intent, or take or use in connection with the sale of goods by retail the name or title of dispensing chemist or any other name, title, emblem or description implying that his name or the name of any person employed by him is registered or that he or such other person is entitled to be registered.

(2) A person who acts in contravention of the provisions of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and to a further fine of one hundred dollars for every day during which the offence is continued after conviction.

### **Persons entitled to registration**

7.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the following persons shall be entitled to have their names registered: —

- (a) a person who holds a diploma in pharmacy of the King Edward VII College of Medicine, Singapore, or a degree or diploma in pharmacy of the University of Malaya in Singapore or of the University of Singapore, and who has complied with such conditions regarding pre-registration experience as may be prescribed;
- (b) a person who holds such other pharmaceutical degree, diploma or qualification as the Minister may, after consulting the Board, by order declare to be a qualification which entitles a holder thereof to be a registered pharmacist, subject to such conditions and restrictions, as may be specified in the order.

(2) A person who holds any qualification granted in respect of pharmacy other than a degree or diploma referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) shall not be registered unless such person —

- (a) has had not less than two months' experience of the practice of pharmacy in a prescribed manner; and
- (b) has satisfied the Board at an examination in forensic pharmacy that he is entitled to be registered under this Act.

(3) The Board shall appoint a committee of examiners to hold examinations for the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection (2); but the appointment of a person as such an examiner shall not continue in force for more than three years from the date on which it is made.

(4) A candidate at an examination referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (2) shall pay such examination fee as may be prescribed.

(5) A person appointed under subsection (3) shall be eligible for re-appointment on the expiry of his term of office.

### **Application for registration**

8.—(1) A person entitled to be registered may apply to the Registrar for registration.