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TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS ACT (CHAPTER 333A)

TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS (REGISTRATION OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PHYSICIANS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(4) of the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Act, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Registration of Traditional Chinese Medicine Physicians) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 and come into operation on 1 April 2020.

Amendment of regulation 1

2. Regulation 1 of the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Registration of Traditional Chinese Medicine Physicians) Regulations (Rg 5) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended by inserting, immediately after the word "Physicians", the words "and Acupuncturists".

Amendment of regulation 2

- **3.** Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by deleting the definitions of "approved foreign qualification in traditional Chinese medicine", "approved local qualification in traditional Chinese medicine", "Category A local diploma" and "Category B local diploma" and substituting the following definitions:

- ""acupuncturist" means a person who practices acupuncture;
 - "approved foreign qualification in traditional Chinese medicine" means a qualification in traditional Chinese medicine obtained from a foreign traditional Chinese medicine training institution specified in Part II of the Second Schedule or any other qualification from a foreign traditional Chinese medicine training institution that is acceptable to the Board for the purposes of regulation 6(1)(a)(ii);
 - "approved local qualification in acupuncture" means a qualification in acupuncture obtained from a local traditional Chinese medicine training institution specified in Part III of the Second Schedule or any other training institution that is acceptable to the Board for the purposes of regulation 6(2)(*a*);
 - "approved local qualification in traditional Chinese medicine" means a qualification in traditional Chinese medicine obtained from a local traditional Chinese medicine training institution specified in Part I of the Second Schedule or any other training institution that is acceptable to the Board for the purposes of regulation 6(1)(a)(i);"; and
- (b) by deleting the definition of "traditional Chinese general medicine" and substituting the following definition:
 - ""traditional Chinese general medicine" means
 - (a) acupuncture;
 - (b) the diagnosis, treatment, prevention or alleviation of any disease or any symptom of a disease or the prescription of any herbal medicine

- on the basis of traditional Chinese medicine; and
- (c) the regulation of the functional states of the human body on the basis of traditional Chinese medicine;".

Amendment of regulation 3

- **4.** Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by inserting, immediately after the words "traditional Chinese medicine physician" in paragraph (1), the words "or an acupuncturist"; and
 - (b) by deleting the words ", conditional or provisional" in paragraph (5)(a) and substituting the words "or conditional".

Amendment of regulation 4

- 5. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by inserting, immediately after the words "traditional Chinese medicine physician" in paragraph (1), the words "or an acupuncturist";
 - (b) by deleting the words "degree, diploma or certificate" in paragraph (2)(a) and substituting the word "qualification";
 - (c) by inserting, immediately after the words "traditional Chinese general medicine" in paragraph (2)(b) and (d), the words "or acupuncture"; and
 - (d) by deleting the word "practitioner" in paragraph (2)(e) and substituting the words "physician or acupuncturist".

Deletion and substitution of regulation 6

6. Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

"Full registration

6.—(1) A person may be granted full registration as a traditional Chinese medicine physician if the person —