

# **Medical Registration (Amendment) Regulations 2003**

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MEDICAL REGISTRATION ACT  
(CHAPTER 174)

MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2003

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 36 and 58 of the Medical Registration Act, the Singapore Medical Council, with the approval of the Minister for Health, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Medical Registration (Amendment) Regulations 2003 and shall come into operation on 28th July 2003.

**Amendment of regulation 2**

2. Regulation 2(1) of the Medical Registration Regulations (Rg 1) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “section 43” in the definition of “Council’s solicitor” and substituting the words “section 49I”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Health Committee”, the following definition:

“ “Interim Orders Committee” means an Interim Orders Committee appointed in accordance with section 49A of the Act;”.

**New regulation 7A**

3. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 7, the following regulation:

**“No soliciting or canvassing for votes**

7A.—(1) A candidate shall not canvass for votes, or solicit the vote of any person, except in the manner permitted by the returning officer.

(2) Any candidate who contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.”.

**Amendment of regulation 12**

4. Regulation 12 (3) of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “candidate” in the 3rd line, the words “, or has contravened regulation 7A,”.

### **Amendment of regulation 13**

5. Regulation 13 (2) of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “or, where applicable,” in paragraph (d) and substituting the words “, a certificate approved by the Medical Council as being equivalent to a certificate of experience referred to in section 21(1A)(b) or 27 (a) of the Act, or”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “Act” in the last line of paragraph (d), the words “, whichever is applicable”.

### **Amendment of regulation 16**

6. Regulation 16 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraphs:

“(3A) Where the Medical Council refuses to register an applicant, the Medical Council shall by notice in writing inform the applicant of such refusal.

(3B) The applicant may, within one month of the date of the notice given under paragraph (3A), appeal to the Minister whose decision shall be final.”.

### **New Part IIIA**

7. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 16, the following Part:

## **“PART IIIA**

### **GRANT AND RENEWAL OF PRACTISING CERTIFICATES**

#### **Definitions of this Part**

**16A.—**(1) In this Part —

“continuing medical education point” means a continuing medical education point which a registered medical practitioner obtains by successfully completing any activity, course or programme in the list of activities, courses and programmes published under regulation 16C (1);

“core programme” means any activity, course or programme identified

under regulation 16C (2) as a core programme;

“qualifying period”, in relation to a registered medical practitioner, means the period specified in the part of the fourth column of the Third Schedule applicable to him;

“requisite continuing medical education points”, in relation to a registered medical practitioner, means the number of continuing medical education points specified in the part of the second column of the Third Schedule applicable to him.

(2) In this Part, a registered medical practitioner obtains a specified number of continuing medical education points if he successfully completes one or more of the activities, courses and programmes in the list published under regulation 16C (1) the total number of continuing medical education points of which equals or exceeds that specified number.

### **Application of this Part**

**16B.**—(1) This Part shall apply only to a medical practitioner who has been registered under section 20 or 21 of the Act and who applies for the grant of a practising certificate, or the renewal of his practising certificate, on or after 1st January 2005.

(2) Regulations 16C and 16D do not apply to a medical practitioner who applies for the grant of a practising certificate for the first time.

### **List of activities, etc., with continuing medical education points**

**16C.**—(1) The Medical Council shall publish on its Internet website a list of activities, courses and programmes relating to the practice of medicine for the purposes of this Part and the number of continuing medical education points which a registered medical practitioner obtains by successfully completing each of the activities, courses and programmes.

(2) The Medical Council shall —

- (a) identify in the list those activities, courses and programmes which are core programmes for the purposes of this Part; and
- (b) in respect of each core programme, state in the list whether it is a core programme for all registered medical practitioners or for registered medical practitioners of a specified description.

### **Grant or renewal of practising certificate subject to obtaining continuing medical education points**

**16D.**—(1) For the purposes of section 36 of the Act, the Medical Council may refuse to grant a practising certificate to a registered medical practitioner, or may refuse to renew his practising certificate, if he fails to satisfy the Medical Council that he has obtained the requisite continuing medical education points.

(2) In relation to the requisite continuing medical education points for the renewal of a practising certificate under paragraph (1), not less than the percentage of those points specified in the part of the third column of the Third Schedule applicable to the registered medical practitioner must be obtained by successfully completing one or more of the core programmes specified in that part.

(3) In computing the total number of continuing medical education points obtained by a registered medical practitioner applying for the grant of a practising certificate, only points obtained by him within the qualifying period shall be considered.

(4) In computing the total number of continuing medical education points obtained by a registered medical practitioner applying for the renewal of his practising certificate, only points obtained by him —

- (a) within the qualifying period;
- (b) if the total number of points obtained within the qualifying period is less than the requisite continuing medical education points, within the qualifying period and after the date of expiry of his practising certificate; or
- (c) if no point was obtained within the qualifying period, after the date of expiry of his practising certificate,

shall be considered; and any point obtained after the qualifying period but before the date of expiry of his practising certificate shall be disregarded.

(5) If the Medical Council has renewed the practising certificate of a registered medical practitioner by virtue of his having obtained the requisite continuing medical education points either —

- (a) wholly after the date of expiry of his practising certificate; or
- (b) partly within the qualifying period and partly after the date of expiry of his practising certificate,