

# **Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001**

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**PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS ACT  
(CHAPTER 248)**

**PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS (AMENDMENT NO. 2)  
REGULATIONS 2001**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 22 of the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act, the Minister for Health hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 and shall come into operation on 10th September 2001.

**Amendment of regulation 2**

**2.** The Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Regulations (Rg 1) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) are amended by renumbering regulation 2 as

paragraph (1) of that regulation, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) For the purpose of these Regulations, the reference to the number of beds of a private hospital shall include beds which are located in the premises of another licensed private hospital but which, under an arrangement between the first and second mentioned private hospitals, are intended for the use of patients who are admitted to and who are under the management and care of the first mentioned private hospital.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 4**

**3.** The principal Regulations are amended by renumbering regulation 4 as paragraph (1) of that regulation, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) The licensee of a private hospital, medical clinic, clinical laboratory or healthcare establishment shall notify the Director of any changes in the appointment of any person as its manager or deputy manager, within 7 working days from the date of appointment of that person.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 9**

**4.** Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(3) Every licensee of a private hospital, medical clinic or healthcare establishment who intends to cease operating or to let, sell or in any way dispose of the private hospital, medical clinic or healthcare establishment shall —

- (a) take all measures as are reasonable and necessary to ensure that, until the cessation of operation, letting, sale or disposal of the private hospital, medical clinic or healthcare establishment is completed, every person who remains a patient thereof continues to be provided with adequate and proper accommodation and care;
- (b) take all measures as are reasonable and necessary to ensure that the medical records of every patient in the hospital, medical clinic or healthcare establishment are properly transferred to the hospital, medical clinic or healthcare establishment to which such patient is to be transferred; and
- (c) comply with such directions as the Director may give with regard to the accommodation, medical records and care of the patients in the hospital, medical clinic or healthcare establishment pending the completion of the cessation of operation, letting, sale or disposal of

the private hospital, medical clinic or healthcare establishment, as the case may be.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 10**

5. Regulation 10 (1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “44 or” in sub-paragraph (e).

#### **Amendment of regulation 11**

6. Regulation 11 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “, other than a maternity home or a nursing home,” in the 1st and 2nd lines.

#### **Amendment of regulation 15**

7. Regulation 15 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “private hospital” in paragraph (1), the words “(not being a nursing home or maternity home)”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) The number of beds in a maternity home or a nursing home shall not be increased in excess of the maximum number of beds for which it is licensed unless the prior approval of the Director has been obtained.”.

#### **Deletion and substitution of regulation 19**

8. Regulation 19 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

##### **“Back-up utility supply**

19.—(1) Every private hospital shall have, in addition to normal electrical supply, emergency power and lighting in all patient care areas.

(2) Life support equipment shall be connected to emergency power at all times.

(3) Every private hospital shall have emergency water supply in its operating theatres, birthrooms and intensive care units.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 23**

9. Regulation 23 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the word “procedures” in the regulation heading and substituting the word “services”.

### **Amendment of regulation 24**

**10.** Regulation 24 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(3) There shall be at least one medical technologist personally present and in attendance at all times in a private hospital.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 25**

**11.** Regulation 25 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (6), the following paragraph:

“(6A) The licensee of a nursing home shall ensure that every patient in the nursing home is reviewed by a medical practitioner within 48 hours of admission thereto.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 26**

**12.** Regulation 26 (1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the word “comprising” in the 2nd line and substituting the words “which shall be under the supervision of a registered nurse and which shall comprise”.

### **Amendment of regulation 29**

**13.** Regulation 29 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) Every private hospital (other than a psychiatric hospital, convalescent hospital, maternity home or nursing home) shall have a radiology service which shall —

- (a) be under the supervision of a radiologist;
- (b) comply with regulations 47 to 51; and
- (c) have among its equipment a static x-ray machine and a mobile x-ray machine.”.

### **New regulation 29A**

**14.** The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 29, the following regulation:

#### **“Provision of other unrelated services**

**29A.** Where a private hospital also provides within its premises —