

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Registration of Acupuncturists) Regulations 2001

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS ACT 2000
(ACT 34 OF 2000)

TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS (REGISTRATION OF
ACUPUNCTURISTS)
REGULATIONS 2001

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(4) of the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Act 2000, the Minister for Health hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Registration of Acupuncturists) Regulations 2001 and shall come into operation on 23rd February 2001.

Definitions

2. For the purposes of these Regulations —

“approved foreign qualification in traditional Chinese medicine” means a degree, diploma or certificate in traditional Chinese medicine obtained from a foreign traditional Chinese medicine training institution specified in Part II of the Second Schedule or such other degree, diploma or certificate from a foreign traditional Chinese medicine training institution as may be acceptable to the Board for the purposes of regulation 6(1)(a)(i)(B) and (b) (iii) (A);

“approved local qualification in traditional Chinese medicine” means a certificate, diploma or degree in traditional Chinese medicine from a local traditional Chinese medicine training institution specified in Part I of the Second Schedule or such other training institution as may be acceptable to the Board;

“Category A local diploma” means a diploma in traditional Chinese medicine obtained upon successfully completing a part-time course of not less than 5 years’ duration conducted by a local traditional Chinese medicine training institute approved by the Board;

“Category B local diploma” means a diploma or certificate in traditional Chinese medicine obtained upon successfully completing a part-time course of less than 5 years’ duration conducted by a local traditional Chinese medicine training institute approved by the Board;

“conditional registration” means a registration subject to such conditions as the Board thinks fit;

“Examinations Committee” means an Examinations Committee referred to in section 27 of the Act.

Registration Committee

3.—(1) The Board may appoint a committee to be known as the Registration Committee to assist the Board in dealing with applications for registration as an acupuncturist.

(2) The Registration Committee shall consist of not less than 3 members of the Board and such number of other persons as the Board may determine.

(3) The Board shall appoint a member of the Registration Committee as the Chairman of the Committee.

(4) The term of office of the members and the quorum of the Registration Committee shall be determined by the Board.

(5) The Board may refer to the Registration Committee any application for registration and the Committee shall consider such application and recommend to the Board whether —

- (a) the applicant should be granted full, conditional or provisional registration, as the case may be;
- (b) the application should be refused; or
- (c) the applicant should be required to sit for and pass a qualifying examination before being granted any type of registration.

(6) For the purpose of making a recommendation under paragraph (5), the Registration Committee may —

- (a) interview the applicant;
- (b) make inquiries relating to the applicant’s qualifications and practical experience as the Committee thinks necessary; and
- (c) take such other action as the Committee considers necessary.

(7) Upon considering the recommendation of the Registration Committee, the Board may —

- (a) accept the recommendation of the Committee; or
- (b) refer the matter back to the Committee for further consideration.

Application for registration

4.—(1) An application for registration as an acupuncturist under section 14 of the Act shall be made in such form as the Board may provide.

(2) The application form shall be submitted by the applicant to the Registrar and shall be accompanied by the following:

- (a) a certified true copy of the relevant certificate, diploma or degree;
- (b) where applicable, details in writing of the applicant's practical experience in acupuncture, including details of the nature, duration and extent of the experience in such form as the Board may require;
- (c) where the applicant is required to sit for a qualifying examination, a certified true copy of the certificate issued by the Examinations Committee certifying that the applicant has passed such examination;
- (d) where the applicant is registered to carry out acupuncture in a foreign country, a certified true copy of the certificate of registration of the applicant in that foreign country;
- (e) where applicable, a certificate of good standing from the registration body of a country where the applicant has been registered stating that on the date of issue the applicant is registered as a traditional Chinese medicine practitioner in that country and that no proceedings have been taken or are pending against him;
- (f) 2 recent passport size photographs of the applicant;
- (g) the appropriate fee; and
- (h) such other documents (including any statutory declaration) and information as the Board may require.

(3) Any document referred to in paragraph (2) which is not in English or Chinese shall be accompanied by a certified translation thereof in English or Chinese.

(4) The Registrar may require the applicant to produce such proof of identity as he thinks fit.

Fee payable for registration

5. The fee for an application for registration as an acupuncturist shall be as specified in the First Schedule.

Full registration

6.—(1) The following persons may be granted full registration as an acupuncturist:

(a) a person who —

(i) has obtained —

(A) an approved local qualification in traditional Chinese medicine; or

(B) an approved foreign qualification in traditional Chinese medicine, and such practical experience in such organisation or institution as may be acceptable to the Board;

(ii) passes such qualifying examination as the Board may require; and

(iii) is, in the opinion of the Board, a fit and proper person to be granted full registration as an acupuncturist;

(b) a person who —

(i) is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore;

(ii) submits his application for registration on or before 8th March 2001;

(iii) subject to paragraph (2) —

(A) has obtained an approved foreign qualification in traditional Chinese medicine;

(B) has practised acupuncture in Singapore continuously since 1st July 1990, and has during that period of practice held a Category A local diploma; or

(C) has practised acupuncture in Singapore continuously since 1st July 1985; and

(iv) is, in the opinion of the Board, a fit and proper person to be granted full registration as an acupuncturist;

(c) a person who —

(i) is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore;

(ii) submits his application for registration on or before 8th March 2001;