

HEALTHCARE SERVICES ACT 2020

(No. 3 of 2020)

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An Act to provide for the regulation of healthcare services and other connected or incidental matters, to repeal the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (Chapter 248 of the 1999 Revised Edition), and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART 1
PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Healthcare Services Act 2020 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

General interpretation

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

“applicant” means a person making an application;

“application”, in relation to a licence, means an application under section 10;

“authorised officer”, for any provision of this Act, means an individual who is appointed under section 7(2) as an authorised officer for that provision;

“Clinical Governance Officer”, for a licensee, means an individual appointed under section 24(2) for that licensee;

“code of practice” means a code of practice issued or approved under section 38, and includes any code of practice as amended under that section;

“conveyance” means a vehicle, an aircraft or a vessel, that is registered under any written law, or a train in Singapore, and that is used to provide a healthcare service in Singapore;

“dentist” means an individual who is registered under the Dental Registration Act (Cap. 76) as a registered dentist and holds a valid practising certificate under that Act;

“Director” means the Director of Medical Services and includes any individual who is, for the time being, discharging the duties of the office of Director of Medical Services;

“grant” or “granted”, in relation to a licence, includes —

(a) grant or granted on renewal; and

(b) deemed granted under this Act;