

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Registration of Traditional Chinese Medicine Physicians and Acupuncturists) Regulations

Table of Contents

1 Citation

2 Definitions

3 Credentials Committee

4 Application for registration

5 (Deleted)

6 Full registration

7 Conditional registration

8 (Deleted)

9 Courses for qualifying examination

10 Application to sit for qualifying examination

11 Results of qualifying examination and number of attempts

12 Duplicate of certificate of registration

13 (Deleted)

FIRST SCHEDULE Fees

SECOND SCHEDULE

Legislative History

TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS ACT
(CHAPTER 333A, SECTIONS 14(4) AND 38)

TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS (REGISTRATION OF
TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PHYSICIANS AND ACUPUNCTURISTS)
REGULATIONS

Rg 5

G.N. No. S 40/2002

REVISED EDITION 2002

(30th September 2002)

[28th January 2002]

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Registration of Traditional Chinese Medicine Physicians and Acupuncturists) Regulations.

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

[Deleted by S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

[Deleted by S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

[Deleted by S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

[Deleted by S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

“acupuncturist” means a person who practices acupuncture;

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

“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);

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

“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);

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

“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);

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

“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;

“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;

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

“traditional Chinese medicine physician” means a person who practises traditional Chinese general medicine.

Credentials Committee

3.—(1) The Board may appoint a committee to be known as the Credentials Committee to assist the Board in dealing with applications for registration as a traditional Chinese medicine physician or an acupuncturist.

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

(2) The Credentials Committee shall consist of not less than one member of the Board and such number of other persons as the Board may determine.

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

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

(5) The Board may refer to the Credentials 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 or conditional 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.

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

(6) For the purpose of making a recommendation under paragraph (5), the Credentials 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 Credentials 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 a traditional Chinese medicine physician or an acupuncturist under section 14 of the Act shall be made in such form as the Board may provide.

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

(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 qualification;
- (b) where applicable, details in writing of the applicant's practical experience in traditional Chinese general medicine or 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

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

certifying that the applicant has passed such examination;

- (d) where the applicant is registered to carry out traditional Chinese general medicine or acupuncture in a foreign country, a certified true copy of the certificate of registration of the applicant in that foreign country;

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

- (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 physician or acupuncturist in that country and that no proceedings have been taken or are pending against him;

[S 229/2020 wef 01/04/2020]

- (f) 2 recent passport size photographs of the applicant;

- (g) the fee for the application for registration specified in the First Schedule; and

[S 9/2012 wef 01/04/2012]

- (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.

5. *[Deleted by S 9/2012 wef 01/04/2012]*

Full registration

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

- (a) has obtained —

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

- (ii) an approved foreign qualification in traditional Chinese medicine, and practical experience in any organisation or institution that is acceptable to the Board;

- (b) passes any qualifying examination that the Board requires; and

- (c) is, in the opinion of the Board, a fit and proper person to be granted full