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Dental Registration (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 16/2021.

Read the first time on 5 July 2021.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Dental Registration Act.

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

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Dental Registration (Amendment) Act 2021 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

5 Amendment of section 13

2. Section 13(1) of the Dental Registration Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “and (2)” in paragraph (a)(i)(A) and substituting the words “, (2) and (3)”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 14

10 3. Section 14 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Full registration

15 14.—(1) Subject to subsection (4) and section 15(1), (2) and (5), the Council must, upon receiving an application for full registration from a person who holds a Singapore degree, register the person as a fully registered dentist.

20 (2) Subject to subsection (4), the Council may, upon receiving an application for full registration from a person who does not hold a Singapore degree but holds another qualification recognised by the Council, register the person as a fully registered dentist if the person satisfies the Council that the person has special knowledge and skill and sufficient experience in any particular branch of dentistry.

25 (3) The Council may, upon receiving an application for full registration under section 14A(6) from a person and having regard to —

(a) the knowledge and skill shown and the experience acquired by the person; and

30 (b) the report or reports of the fully registered dentist or dentists mentioned in section 14A(4)(a) and (aa),

register the person as a fully registered dentist.

(4) The Council may, if it is of the view that it is not in the public interest for a person mentioned in subsection (1) or (2) to be registered as a fully registered dentist, direct that the person be registered as a dentist with conditional registration under section 14A(1) instead.”.

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Amendment of section 14A

4. Section 14A of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) The Council may register any of the following persons as a dentist with conditional registration:

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(a) a person mentioned in section 14(4);

(b) a person who —

(i) holds a degree in dentistry from a university specified in the Schedule;

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(ii) has been selected for employment in Singapore as a dentist in any hospital or other institution or dental practice approved by the Council; and

(iii) has passed an examination (whether conducted or arranged by the Council, or by such other person as the Council appoints) demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Council that the applicant has the requisite knowledge, skill and experience which are necessary for practice as a dentist (called in this section a qualifying examination);

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(c) a person who —

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(i) has been selected for employment in Singapore as a dentist in any hospital