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An Act to amend the Dentists Registration Act (Chapter 215 of the 1970 Revised Edition).

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 may be cited as the Dentists Registration (Amendment) Act, 1971, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

### **Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2 of the Dentists Registration Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(1) For the purposes of this Act there shall be established a Dental Board (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the Board”), which shall consist of the following members: —

- (a) the Director of Medical Services, Singapore;
- (b) the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Singapore;
- (c) the Assistant Director of Medical Services (Dental);
- (d) two Dental Officers in the public service of Singapore to be appointed by the Minister;
- (e) a Dental Surgeon in the service of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Singapore, nominated by the Faculty to be appointed by the Minister;
- (f) two Dental Surgeons practising in Singapore nominated by the Singapore Dental Association to be appointed by the Minister; and
- (g) a Dentist registered in Division II of the Register and practising in Singapore nominated by the Singapore Registered Dentists’ Association to be appointed by the Minister.”; and

(b) by deleting the expression “(g), (h), (i), (j) and (k)” appearing in the first and second lines of subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “(d), (e), (f) and (g)”.

## Amendment of section 5

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the following persons shall be entitled to be registered under this Act: —

- (a) any person who holds a degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery of the University of Singapore; or
- (b) any person who holds any other degree, diploma or licence in dentistry which was granted by any university, corporation, college or other body outside Singapore, included in the Schedule to this Act; or
- (c) any person who holds any other degree, diploma or licence granted by any university, corporation, college or other body outside Singapore which is not included in the Schedule to this Act whom the Minister may, after consulting the Board, by order declare to be entitled to be registered under this Act, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed in such order; or
- (d) any person who on the date of the coming into operation of this Act was entitled to be registered as a dentist under any of the following statutes: —
  - (i) the Registration of Dentists (1936 Ed. Cap. 66) Ordinance;
  - (ii) the Registration of Dentists (Cap. 179) Enactment of the Federated Malay States;
  - (iii) the Registration of Dentists (No. 123) Enactment of the State of Johore;
  - (iv) the Registration of Dentists (6 of 1356) Enactment of the State of Kedah;
  - (v) the Registration of Dentists (23 of 1365) Enactment of the State of Trengganu; or
- (e) any person who has been ordinarily resident in Singapore since February 1942, has been practising

dentistry as his sole means of livelihood for not less than four years and is certified by the Board on the report of the Committee of Examiners as being a fit and proper person to practise dentistry in Singapore; or

- (f) any person who is resident in Singapore temporarily for the purposes of teaching or research in an institution accepted for that purpose by the Board and who possesses qualifications in dentistry which in the opinion of the Board are adequate: Provided that such person is exclusively employed in teaching or research and that his registration shall be cancelled forthwith if he engages in any form of private practice.

(1A) Before advising the Minister under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this section the Board may satisfy itself, by such evidence as it may require, that the person holds a degree, diploma or licence in dentistry that is not lower in standard than that required of a person who holds a degree in dental surgery of the University of Singapore and, if the Board is not so satisfied, it may require the person to undergo and to pass an examination conducted or arranged by the Board or by such other person or persons as it may for this purpose appoint.”; and

- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (6) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(7) The Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, after consulting the Board, vary or amend the Schedule to this Act to include therein any dental qualification granted by any university, corporation, college or other body which he has decided should be recognised as entitling the holder to be registered under this Act.”.

### **Amendment of section 15**

4. Subsection (1) of section 15 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by relettering the existing paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) thereof as paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (e) respectively; and
- (b) by inserting immediately before paragraph (b) thereof the following new paragraph: —