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**MEDICAL REGISTRATION ACT
(CHAPTER 174)**

**MEDICAL REGISTRATION
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2018**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 70 of the Medical Registration Act, the Singapore Medical Council, with the approval of the Minister for Health, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Medical Registration (Amendment) Regulations 2018 and come into operation on 1 April 2018.

Amendment of regulation 21

2. Regulation 21 of the Medical Registration Regulations 2010 (G.N. No. S 733/2010) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Fourth Schedule” in paragraph (1) and in the regulation heading and substituting in each case the words “Fourth and Fifth Schedules”;
- (b) by deleting the definition of “active practice” in paragraph (1);
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “general core programme” in paragraph (1), the following definition:

““practice”, in relation to a practitioner, means the practice of medicine —

- (a) whether on a full-time or part-time basis, or as a locum; and
- (b) whether or not the practitioner demands or receives any payment or

other remuneration (whether monetary or otherwise) —

(i) for or in connection with any medical or surgical advice, service, attendance or treatment provided or any operation performed; or

(ii) for any medicine which the practitioner has prescribed and supplied;” and

(d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “qualifying period” in paragraph (1), the following definition:

““reduced practice”, in relation to a practitioner, means the prescription of medication for —

(a) the practitioner himself; or

(b) the practitioner’s spouse, child, adopted child, stepchild, grandchild, sibling, parent, step-parent or grandparent;”.

Amendment of regulation 24

3. Regulation 24 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraphs (3) and (4) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(3) A registered medical practitioner who is, or will be, in reduced practice is not entitled to rely on item 8 or 9 of the Fourth Schedule for the renewal of his practising certificate unless —

(a) the registered medical practitioner files with the Medical Council, in such form and manner as may be specified on the Medical Council’s website, a declaration that he —

(i) is currently in reduced practice; or

(ii) will be in reduced practice commencing on a specified date; and

- (b) the Medical Council grants its approval for the registered medical practitioner to rely on item 8 or 9 (as the case may be) of the Fourth Schedule.

(4) A registered medical practitioner mentioned in paragraph (3) may resume practice only if, in the period of 24 months immediately preceding the date on which the registered medical practitioner wishes to resume practice as he has indicated to the Medical Council, he obtains at least 50 continuing medical education points of which at least 10 are from one or more general or specific core programmes.”.

New regulation 24A

4. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 24, the following regulation:

“Conditions for applications for grant or renewal of practising certificate

24A.—(1) For the purposes of section 36(6) and (7) of the Act, the Medical Council may refuse to grant a practising certificate to a registered medical practitioner, or refuse to renew the practising certificate of a registered medical practitioner, if the registered medical practitioner fails to comply with any of the conditions in paragraph (2).

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), a registered medical practitioner (called in this regulation the applicant) who applies for the grant of a practising certificate, or for the renewal of the applicant’s practising certificate, must —

- (a) furnish any document or information the Medical Council requires for those purposes;
- (b) subject to paragraph (5), have paid, or have made arrangements to pay, any penalty imposed on the applicant under Part 7 of the Act; and
- (c) give such undertaking, or make such declaration (including a statutory declaration), in such form and manner as the Medical Council may require.

(3) Without limiting paragraph (2)(a), the Medical Council may require an applicant to furnish any document or information in relation to any of the following matters:

- (a) where the applicant is registered with any foreign authority having the function conferred by law of authorising or registering individuals to practise medicine in a State or territory other than Singapore — the applicant's registration status and disciplinary record with the foreign authority;
- (b) where the applicant was convicted, in Singapore or elsewhere, of any criminal offence —
 - (i) the facts and circumstances of the offence;
 - (ii) the court of law that convicted the applicant of the offence; and
 - (iii) the sentence or punishment imposed on the applicant;
- (c) where the applicant was found guilty, in Singapore or elsewhere, of professional misconduct or an improper act or conduct which brings disrepute to the medical profession —
 - (i) the facts and circumstances of the professional misconduct or improper act or conduct;
 - (ii) the tribunal, professional body or authority that found the applicant guilty; and
 - (iii) the disciplinary action taken against the applicant and the outcome of that action;
- (d) where the applicant, as at the date of the application for the grant or renewal of the practising certificate, is the subject of any proceedings, inquiry or investigation by any court of law, tribunal, professional body, licensing or health authority, or the police or other enforcement agency, in respect of any matter mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) or (c) —