

Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine

Structure, Functions and Responsibilities

The Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine is established under Art 26 of the Health Care Professions Act (Cap. 464):

- 26.** (1) There shall be a Council to be called "the Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine", which shall consist of the following members:
- (a) a President appointed by the Prime Minister from amongst legal practitioners;
 - (b) two persons from amongst the general public, who are not health care professionals, appointed by the Prime Minister;
 - (c) seven persons elected by and from amongst the professions regulated by the said Council:
Provided that, wherever possible, no profession regulated by the said Council shall be represented by more than one member elected under this paragraph;
 - (d) three persons appointed by the Prime Minister from amongst the professions regulated by the Council:
Provided that no profession regulated by the said Council shall be represented by more than one member appointed under this paragraph, and provided further that a profession regulated by the Council shall not be represented by a member appointed under this paragraph if it is already represented by a member elected under paragraph (c).

The functions and responsibilities of the Pharmacy Council are established under Art 27 of the Health Care Professions Act:

- 27.** (1) The functions of the Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine shall be:
- (a) to keep, publish and update registers in respect of the Professions Complementary to Medicine, and specialist registers of the Professions Complementary to Medicine as may be prescribed, as well as registers of special areas of practice as may be determined by the said Council;
 - (b) to prescribe and maintain professional and ethical standards for the professions complementary to medicine;
 - (c) to levy such fees, from registered professionals for initial registration and yearly retention fees thereafter, as may be prescribed, in consultation with such associations as appropriate;
 - (d) at the request of the Minister or otherwise, to advise the Minister on any matter effecting the professions complementary to medicine;
 - (e) to perform any other function that may be assigned to it by this Act or any other law.
- (2) The Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine may set up committees for the purposes of enforcing professional and ethical standards applicable to the professions regulated by the Council, and in general in order to better perform its functions.
- (3) Subject to any rules made for it by the Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine or to any rule that may be prescribed, any committee established under sub article (2) may regulate its own procedure.
- (4) The Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine shall publish an annual activity report, not later than the end of the first quarter of the year following the end of the year reported upon, containing a statement of the activities carried out or pursued by the Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine during the year.

General Description of the Categories of Documents Held

Description of all manuals and similar types of documents which contain policies, principles or rules or guidelines in accordance with which decisions or recommendations are made in respect of members of the Public:

- Health Care Professions Act (Cap 464 of the Laws of Malta)
 - Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine (Standing Orders) Regulations
 - Procedure for the Erasure of Names of Professionals Complementary to Medicine Rules
 - Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine (Elections) Regulations

- Codes of Professional and Ethical Conduct for the Professions Complementary to Medicine

- Codes of Practice for the Professions Complementary to Medicine

- Manual on the Standard Operating Procedures with regards to the Registration Process with the Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine

- Annual Reports of the Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine

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