

INTRODUCTION
TO THE

THE REGISTERS

OF THE

MEDICAL COUNCIL

MALTA



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THE REGISTERS AND THE REGISTRATION WITH THE MEDICAL COUNCIL

1. The Medical Council is charged by Article 10 (c) of the Health Care Professions Act, 2003, (Chap.464) to keep, publish and update registers in respect of the (a) Medical and Dental professions and (b) Specialists Registers of the medical and dental professions, as may be prescribed.
2. Articles 7, 8 of the HCP Act lay down that no person shall practice as a medical practitioner or dental surgeon unless he has a license so to practice from the President of the Republic of Malta and his name is registered in the respective Register. Article 29 also lay down that no person shall practice as, or hold out himself to be a specialist unless his name is entered in the respective register kept for the registration of specialists by the relevant Council.
3. The Health Care Professions Act provides the different type of registers which are to be kept by the Medical Council. These are the:
 - Medical Practitioners: Principal Register
 - Medical Practitioners: Temporary Register
 - Medical Practitioners: Provisional Register
 - Dental Surgeons: Principal Register
 - Specialist Accreditation Register

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS: PRINCIPAL REGISTER

According to Article 11 (1) the Medical Council shall keep a register, in this Act referred to as ‘the Medical Register’, in which following an application to that effect by the person concerned, shall be entered the name of any citizen of Malta, or of a Member State or of a person who benefits from the provisions of Article 11 of Regulation 1612/68/EEC or of a person who has been established in a Member state who holds:

- (a) the degree of doctor of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Malta:
 - Provided that the Medical Council shall not enter such name unless the applicant, upon qualifying for such degree, has served as a house physician and, or surgeon in a government hospital or other hospital recognized for that purpose by the Medical Council for a period of one or two years as the Minister may prescribe; or
- (b) any of the qualifications listed in Part 1 of the Second Schedule: or
- (c) a qualification recognized for the purpose by a Members State, obtained from a University College, or Medical School:

Provided that in respect of applicants coming from third countries whose qualifications have not been recognized in a Member State, the Medical Council may, in respect of such qualifications, require an applicant to sit for and pass a professional and linguistic proficiency test, and may also require that he serves as house physician surgeon in a hospital recognized for the purpose by the Medical council, for such period, being not longer than two years, as the Minister may prescribe, and the provisions of article 7 (3) (4) shall apply to a person required in virtue of this proviso to serve as a house physician or surgeon as if such person were the person referred to in those sub-articles.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS: TEMPORARY REGISTER

Article 11 (2) states that the Medical Council shall keep a register in which following an application to that effect by the person concerned, shall be entered, for a period not exceeding two years and subject to any condition as the Medical council may deem necessary, the name of every person, not being a citizen of Malta or a citizen of a Members State, who holds the degree of doctor of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Malta or a qualification listed in Part 1 of the Second Schedule or any other qualification recognized for that purpose by the Medical Council.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS: PROVISIONAL REGISTER

In accordance to Article 11 (3) The Medical Council shall keep a list of provisional registration in which shall be entered, upon an application to this effect by the person concerned, the name of every person who holds the degree of doctor of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Malta or a qualification recognized by the Medical Council obtained from any other university or college or medical council, and who is serving as a house physician and, or surgeon at a hospital recognized by the Medical Council in terms of this Act.

DENTAL SURGEONS: PRINCIPAL REGISTER

Article 12 (1) states that the Medical Council shall keep a register, in this Act referred to as 'the Register of Dental Surgeons', in which, following an application to this effect by the person concerned, shall be entered the name of any citizen of Malta, or of a Member state, or of a person who benefits from the provisions of Article 11 of Regulation 1612/68 EEC or of a person who has been established in a Member State who holds:

- (a) a degree in Dental surgery from the University of Malta, or
- (b) any of the qualification listed in Part II of the Second Schedule; or,
- (c) a qualification recognized for the purpose by a Members State, obtained from a university, college or medical school:

Provided that in respect of applicants coming from third countries whose qualification have not been recognized in a Member State, the Medical Council may, in respect of such qualifications, require the applicant to sit for and pass a professional and linguistic proficiency test.

Dental Surgeons are registered as Provisional for a period of three months after graduation.

AUTHENTIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS

Article 11 (4) and Art 12 (3) applies to Medical Practitioners and Dental Surgeons respectively.

The Medical Council may require the competent authorities in a Member State to confirm the authenticity of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualification purporting to be issued in such Member States as well as to confirm that the person concerned has fulfilled all the training requirements laid down by this Act.

SPECIALISTS ACCREDITATION REGISTER

In accordance to Article 29 (1), no person shall practice as, or hold out himself to be, a specialist unless his name is entered in the respective register for the registration of specialists by the relevant Council:

Provided that a dentist shall be entitled to practice in all fields of dentist insofar as he holds a licence issued for that purpose by the President of Malta and his name is entered in the Council's Principal Register of Dental Surgeons.

- 4. An application for registration shall be made on the prescribed form to the Registrar.
- 5. A certificate of registration shall be given to each registered practitioner on the prescribed form.
- 6. A registered practitioner who applies to have an alteration made in his registered name, or to have any registerable qualifications possessed by him entered in the respective register in substitution for or in addition to the qualification already register shall produce may consider requisite.

7. Any amendments to the original registration of the name or surname of the registered practitioner shall only be effected against official documentary evidence to that effect.
8. If a registered practitioner applies for the removal of his name or his address from the respective Register, the application shall be made in the form of a declaration signed by him.
9. Registered practitioners whose licence has been withdrawn due to any of the provisions in Part VII of the Health Care Professions, their respective entry should be left out completely.
10. Restoration of Names on the Register shall be made as prescribed in the provisions of Art. 34 of the Health Care Professions Act.
11. Every registered practitioner shall be bound to notify in writing the Registrar without delay of any change affecting the entry in the respective Register.
12. The Registers of the Medical Council are available online at: <https://ehealth.gov.mt>, Regulatory Council – Medical Council. These are updated regulatory every fortnight, or when immediate updates need to be uploaded.
13. All correspondence in this regard should be addressed to:

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