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**THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (REGISTRATION OF  
SPECIALISTS) REGULATIONS 1971**

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 29th day of March 1971

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. SIR KEITH HOLYOAKE, G.C.M.G., C.H., PRESIDING IN  
COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Medical Practitioners Act 1968, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

**REGULATIONS**

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Medical Practitioners (Registration of Specialists) Regulations 1971.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1971.

**2. Interpretation**—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“The Act” means the Medical Practitioners Act 1968:

“Register of specialists” means the register of specialists kept under these regulations; and “registered as a specialist” and “registered specialist” have corresponding meanings:

“Specialty” means a principal specialty specified in the first column of the First Schedule to these regulations and a sub-specialty specified in the second column of the said Schedule:

“Subdivision” means that part of the register of specialists allotted to the particular specialty.

(2) Where reference is made in these regulations to the removal of a name from the register of specialists, the reference is to the removal of that name from every subdivision in which it appears unless the contrary intention is indicated.

**3. Establishment of register of specialists**—There shall be a register of specialists which shall be kept by the Secretary to the Council under the direction of the Council in accordance with these regulations.

**4. Qualification for registration**—(1) A medical practitioner shall be entitled to have his name entered in the register of specialists, if the Council is satisfied—

- (a) That he holds a qualification specified in the fourth column of the First Schedule to these regulations, and granted by a body specified in the third column of that Schedule in relation thereto, in the specialty in respect of which his application is made, or that he has undergone training and acquired experience in that specialty comparable to the training undergone and experience acquired by a person holding a qualification so specified, and granted by a body so specified, in that or some other specialty; and
- (b) That he is recognised by his colleagues in the medical profession as having such training and experience in the specialty in respect of which his application is made as would entitle him to specialist status in relation to that specialty; and
- (c) That he has had at least 5 years training and practical experience in the specialty in respect of which his application is made; and
- (d) That, so far as is practicable, he limits his practice to the branch or branches of medicine or surgery in which he specialises.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (1) of this regulation, if the Council sees fit in relation to any particular case, the name of a medical practitioner may be entered in the register of specialists if the Council is satisfied that he is recognised by his colleagues in the medical profession as having special experience, in the specialty in respect of which his application is made, entitling him to specialist status in relation to that specialty.

**5. Applications for registration**—Subsections (1) and (3) of section 19 of the Act shall apply to an applicant and to an application for registration as a specialist, in respect of a specialty to be specified in the application, as they apply to an applicant and an application for registration as a medical practitioner, except that it shall not be necessary for the applicant to provide evidence of his personal character.

(2) Sections 20, 21, and 23 of the Act shall apply to an applicant and an application for registration as a specialist, and to the registration or refusal of registration as a specialist, as they apply to an applicant and an application for registration as a medical practitioner and the grant or refusal of such registration.

**6. Mode of registration**—(1) The register of specialists shall be kept by listing the names of medical practitioners registered in respect of each specialty separately from the names of medical practitioners registered in respect of any other specialty.

(2) The following particulars shall be entered in the subdivision of the register of specialists allotted to the material specialty:

- (a) The name of the registered specialist:
- (b) The postal address of the registered specialist (including the name of the street and the number of the house, where possible):
- (c) The date of registration as a specialist in relation to the particular specialty.

(3) The fact that a medical practitioner is registered as a specialist in respect of one specialty shall be no bar to his registration as a specialist in respect of another specialty.

**7. Miscellaneous provisions relating to registration—**(1) Nothing in subsection (1) of section 13 of the Act shall operate to prevent the Council from delegating to 1 or more committees of the Council, in relation to 1 or more particular specialties, all or any of the functions and powers conferred on the Council by these regulations.

(2) In the exercise of its functions and powers under these regulations the Council, or any appropriate committee of the Council, may consult with such bodies and individual persons of professional standing in the medical profession as it sees fit.

(3) Sections 29, 31, 35, 36, 37, and 38, and, so far as is consequential, subsection (4) of section 27, of the Act shall apply to registered specialists and to registration as a specialist, and to the qualifications and other particulars relating to such registration, and to the register of specialists, and to the removal of names from and the restoration of names to that register, and to the amendment of that register, as and to the extent that they apply to registered medical practitioners, registration as a medical practitioner, the qualifications and other particulars relating to such registration, the register of medical practitioners, and the removal of names from, the restoration of names to, and the amendment of, that register.

**8. Further provisions relating to the removal of names from the register of specialists—**(1) If the name of a registered specialist is removed from the register of medical practitioners, the Secretary to the Council shall forthwith remove that name from the register of specialists.

(2) Subject to subclauses (3) and (4) of this regulation, if at any time the Council is satisfied that a registered specialist would not be registered as a specialist in respect of a particular specialty, either under subclause (1) of regulation 4 of these regulations, by reason of paragraphs (b) or (d) thereof, or under subclause (2) of that regulation, if his application in that behalf were made at that time, the Council may direct the Secretary to the Council to remove the name of that registered specialist from the appropriate subdivision of the register of specialists, and the Secretary to the Council shall remove that name accordingly.

(3) The Council shall not exercise the power conferred on it by subclause (2) of this regulation unless the registered specialist has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(4) Subsections (11), (14), (16), and (19) of section 58 of the Act shall apply in respect of any exercise by the Council of the powers conferred by subclause (2) of this regulation, as if the reference to any other order of the Council in subsection (11), and to an order of suspension in subsection (16), and to any order of the Council in subsection (19), were references to a direction of the Council under the said subclause.

**9. Further provisions relating to the restoration of names to the register of specialists—**(1) If the name of a medical practitioner has been removed from the register of specialists under subclause (1) of regulation 8 of these regulations upon the removal of that name from the register of medical practitioners pursuant to section 27, section 29, or

section 31 of the Act, the Council may direct the Secretary, upon the restoration of the name of the medical practitioner to the register of medical practitioners in accordance with any of those sections, to restore the name of the medical practitioner to the register of specialists, or, in the case of a person who was registered as a specialist in respect of more than one specialty, to such subdivision or subdivisions of the register as the Council may specify, and the Secretary shall restore that name accordingly.

(2) If—

- (a) The name of a medical practitioner has been removed from the register of specialists under subclause (1) of regulation 8 of these regulations upon the removal of that name from the register of medical practitioners otherwise than pursuant to section 27, section 29, or section 31 of the Act; and
- (b) The name of that medical practitioner has been restored to the register of medical practitioners; and
- (c) The Council is satisfied in terms of subclause (1) of regulation 4 of these regulations or sees fit to exercise the discretion conferred on it by subclause (2) of that regulation in favour of the medical practitioner—

the Council may direct the Secretary to restore the name of the medical practitioner to the register of specialists, or, in the case of a person who was registered as a specialist in respect of more than 1 specialty, to such subdivision or subdivisions of the register as the Council may specify, and the Secretary shall restore that name accordingly.

(3) If the name of a medical practitioner has been removed from a subdivision of the register of specialists under subclause (2) of regulation 8 of these regulations, and the Council is satisfied in terms of subclause (1) of regulation 4 of these regulations or sees fit to exercise the discretion conferred on it by subclause (2) of that regulation in favour of the medical practitioner, the Council may direct the Secretary to restore the name of the medical practitioner to that subdivision of the register of specialists, and the Secretary shall restore that name accordingly.

(4) Nothing in subclause (3) of this regulation shall apply in respect of any person who is not registered as a medical practitioner at the time when his application for the restoration of his name to the register of specialists is considered by the Council.

**10. Fees**—The fees prescribed in the Second Schedule to these regulations shall be payable in respect of the matters specified in that Schedule.

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SCHEDULES  
FIRST SCHEDULE  
SPECIALTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

Principal Specialty	Sub-specialty	Body	Qualification
Anaesthetics .. ..	.. ..	(a) Royal College of Surgeons of England ..	Fellowship of the Faculty of Anaesthetists.
		(b) Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland ..	Fellowship of the Faculty of Anaesthetists.
		(c) Royal Australasian College of Surgeons ..	Fellowship of the Faculty of Anaesthetists.
		(d) University of Melbourne .. ..	Diploma in Anaesthetics (two part).
		(e) University of Sydney .. ..	Diploma in Anaesthetics (two part).
		(f) College of Physicians, Surgeons and Gynaecologists of South Africa	Fellowship of the Faculty of Anaesthetists.
		(g) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada	Fellowship in Anaesthesia.
		(h) American Board of Anaesthesiology ..	Certificate.
Dermatology .. ..	.. ..	(a) Royal College of Physicians of London ..	(a) Fellowship } (b) Membership } (a) Fellowship } (b) Membership } (a) Fellowship } (b) Membership } (a) Fellowship } (b) Membership } (a) Fellowship } (b) Membership } Membership } (a) Fellowship } (b) Membership } Membership. } Diploma in Dermatological Medicine. (a) Fellowship in Dermatology. (b) Certificate in Dermatology. Certificate.
		(b) Royal College of Physicians of Ireland ..	
		(c) Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh	
		(d) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	
		(e) Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and Edinburgh, and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	
		(f) Royal Australasian College of Physicians	
		(g) Australasian College of Dermatologists ..	
		(h) University of Sydney .. ..	
		(i) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada	
		(j) American Board of Dermatology ..	

Diagnostic Radiology ..	..	..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Faculty of Radiologists of London ..</li> <li>(b) Examining Board of the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England</li> <li>(c) Any University in the United Kingdom, Eire, Australia, or New Zealand</li> <li>(d) College of Radiologists of Australasia ..</li> <li>(e) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada</li> <li>(f) American Board of Radiology .. ..</li> </ul>	<p>Fellowship (Diagnosis). Diploma in Diagnostic Radiology.</p> <p>Diploma in Diagnostic Radiology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Fellowship.</li> <li>(b) Membership.</li> <li>(a) Fellowship in Diagnostic Radiology.</li> <li>(b) Certificate in Diagnostic Radiology.</li> </ul> <p>Certificate in Diagnostic Radiology.</p>
Gynaecology ..	..	..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists</li> <li>(b) Royal College of Surgeons of England ..</li> <li>(c) Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland ..</li> <li>(d) Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh</li> <li>(e) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow</li> <li>(f) Royal Australasian College of Surgeons ..</li> <li>(g) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada</li> <li>(h) American Board of Obstetrics and Gynaecology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Fellowship.</li> <li>(b) Membership.</li> </ul> <p>Fellowship } Fellowship } in general surgery or gynaecology Fellowship } and operative obstetrics. Fellowship }</p> <p>Fellowship } (a) Fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. (b) Certificate in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.</p> <p>Certificate.</p>
Medical Administration, Public Health, and Pre- ventive Medicine	..	..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Any University in the United Kingdom, Eire, or New Zealand</li> <li>(b) American Board of Preventive Medicine</li> </ul>	<p>Diploma in Public Health.</p> <p>Certificate.</p>

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*

Principal Specialty	Sub-specialty	Body	Qualification
Medicine .. ..	Cardiology	(a) Royal College of Physicians of London ..	(a) Fellowship.
	*Clinical Haematology	(b) Royal College of Physicians of Ireland ..	(b) Membership.
	Endocrinology		(a) Fellowship.
	Gastroenterology		(b) Membership.
	General Medicine	(c) Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh	(a) Fellowship.
	Geriatrics		(b) Membership.
	Human Genetics	(d) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	(a) Fellowship.
	Nephrology		(b) Membership.
	Neurology	(e) Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and Edinburgh, and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	Membership.
	Nuclear Medicine	(f) Royal Australasian College of Physicians	(a) Fellowship.
Respiratory Medicine		(b) Membership.	
Rheumatology	(g) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada	(a) Fellowship in Internal Medicine or Neurology.	
		(b) Certificate in Internal Medicine.	
		(h) American Board of Internal Medicine ..	Certificate.
Obstetrics .. ..		(a) Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	(a) Fellowship.
		(b) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada	(b) Membership.
		(c) American Board of Obstetrics and Gynaecology	(a) Fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
			(b) Certificate in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
Obstetrics and Gynaecology		(a) Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	(a) Fellowship.
		(b) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada	(b) Membership.
		(c) American Board of Obstetrics and Gynaecology	(a) Fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
			(b) Certificate in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
Ophthalmology .. ..		(a) Royal College of Surgeons of England ..	Fellowship in Ophthalmology.
		(b) Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh	Fellowship in Ophthalmology.
		(c) Royal Australasian College of Surgeons ..	Fellowship in Ophthalmology.
		(d) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada	(a) Fellowship in Ophthalmology.
		(e) American Board of Ophthalmology ..	(b) Certificate in Ophthalmology.

Orthopaedic Surgery	..	..	(a) Royal College of Surgeons of England	Fellowship.
			(b) University of Liverpool	Master of Orthopaedic Surgery.
			(c) Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	Fellowship.
			(d) Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh	Fellowship.
			(e) Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	Fellowship.
			(f) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.	Fellowship in Orthopaedic Surgery.
			(g) American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery	Certificate.
Otolaryngology	..	..	(a) Royal College of Surgeons of England	Fellowship in Otolaryngology.
			(b) Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	Fellowship in Otolaryngology.
			(c) Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh	Fellowship in Otolaryngology.
			(d) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	Fellowship in Otolaryngology.
			(e) Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	Fellowship in Otolaryngology.
			(f) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.	Fellowship in Otolaryngology.
			(g) American Board of Otolaryngology	Certificate.
Paediatrics	..	..	(a) Royal College of Physicians of London	(a) Fellowship.
			(b) Royal College of Physicians of Ireland	(b) Membership.
			(c) Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh	(a) Fellowship.
				(b) Membership.
			(d) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	(a) Fellowship.
				(b) Membership.
			(e) Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and Edinburgh, and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	(a) Fellowship.
				(b) Membership.
			(f) Royal Australasian College of Physicians	(a) Fellowship.
			(g) University of Cape Town	(b) Membership.
(h) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada	Master of Medicine (Paediatrics). Fellowship in Paediatrics.			

\*An acceptable qualification in Pathology will also be required.



FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*

Principal Specialty	Sub-specialty	Body	Qualification
Pathology .. ..	..	(a) Royal College of Pathologists .. ..	(a) Fellowship. (b) Membership.
		(b) College of Pathologists of Australia ..	Membership.
		(c) University of Otago .. ..	(a) Doctor of Medicine (if qualification obtained under the regulations in force before January 1967). (b) Diploma in Clinical Pathology.
		(d) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada	(a) Fellowship in Anatomical Pathology, General Pathology, Neuropathology, Haematological Pathology. (b) Certificate in General Pathology.
		(e) American Board of Pathology .. ..	Certificate.
Rehabilitation (Physical Medicine)	..	(a) Royal College of Physicians of London ..	(a) Fellowship. (b) Membership.
		(b) Royal College of Physicians of Ireland ..	(a) Fellowship. (b) Membership.
		(c) Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh	(a) Fellowship. (b) Membership.
		(d) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	(a) Fellowship. (b) Membership.
		(e) Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and Edinburgh, and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	Membership.
		(f) Royal Australasian College of Physicians	(a) Fellowship. (b) Membership.
		(g) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada	(a) Fellowship in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. (b) Certificate in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.
		(h) American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Certificate.

Psychological Medicine or  
Psychiatry

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Royal College of Physicians of London ..</li> <li>(b) University of London .. .. .</li> <li>(c) Examining Committee of the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England</li> <li>(d) Any University in the United Kingdom, Eire, Australia, or New Zealand</li> <br/> <li>(e) Royal College of Physicians of Ireland ..</li> <li>(f) Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh</li> <li>(g) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow</li> <li>(h) Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and Edinburgh, and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow</li> <li>(i) Royal Australasian College of Physicians</li> <li>(j) Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry</li> <li>(k) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada</li> <li>(l) American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Fellowship.</li> <li>(b) Membership.</li> </ul> <p>Master of Philosophy.<br/>Diploma in Psychological Medicine.</p><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Diploma in Psychological Medicine or its equivalent.</li> <li>(b) Doctor of Medicine } Provided in some</li> <li>(c) Doctor of Philosophy } branch of Psychological Medicine.</li> </ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Fellowship.</li> <li>(b) Membership.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Fellowship.</li> <li>(b) Membership.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Fellowship.</li> <li>(b) Membership.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Fellowship.</li> <li>(b) Membership.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Fellowship in Psychiatry.</li> <li>(b) Certificate in Psychiatry.</li> </ul> |
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FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*

Principal Specialty	Sub-specialty	Body	Qualification
Radiotherapy .. ..	.. ..	(a) Faculty of Radiologists of London .. (b) Examining Board of the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England (c) Any University in the United Kingdom, Eire, Australia, or New Zealand (d) College of Radiologists of Australasia .. (e) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (f) American Board of Radiology .. ..	Fellowship (Therapy). Diploma in Therapeutic Radiology. Diploma in Therapeutic Radiology. (a) Fellowship (Therapy). (b) Membership (Therapy). (a) Fellowship in Therapeutic Radiology. (b) Certificate in Therapeutic Radiology. Certificate in Therapeutic Radiology.
Surgery .. ..	Cardiothoracic Surgery General Surgery Neurosurgery Paediatric Surgery Plastic Surgery Urology	(a) Royal College of Surgeons of England .. (b) Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland .. (c) Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (d) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (e) Royal Australasian College of Surgeons .. (f) College of Surgeons of South Africa .. (g) Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (h) American Board of Neurological Surgery (i) American Board of Paediatric Surgery .. (j) American Board of Plastic Surgery .. (k) American Board of Surgery .. .. (l) American Board of Urology .. .. (m) Board of Thoracic Surgery .. ..	Fellowship. Fellowship. Fellowship. Fellowship. Fellowship. Fellowship. Fellowship in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, General Surgery, Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery, or Urology. Certificate. Certificate. Certificate. Certificate. Certificate. Certificate.

SECOND SCHEDULE

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On application for first registration as a specialist .....	25
On application for registration in respect of a second or further specialty .....	10
For any alteration or alterations of, or addition or additions to, an entry in any subdivision of the register of specialists, other than particulars of a change of address .....	3
For restoration of name to register of specialists in respect of one specialty .....	15
For restoration of name to register of specialists in respect of a second or further specialty or where the applicant has retained his registration in respect of a different specialty .....	5
For any inspection of the register of specialists .....	1

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Clerk of the Executive Council.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register of medical practitioners possessing specialist status.

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