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**MEDICAL REGISTRATION ACT
(CHAPTER 174)**

**MEDICAL REGISTRATION
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2011**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 22(3), 22A(4) and 70 of the Medical Registration Act, the Singapore Medical Council, with the approval of the Minister for Health, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Medical Registration (Amendment) Regulations 2011 and shall come into operation on 1st July 2011.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Medical Registration Regulations 2010 (G.N. No. S 733/2010) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “elected members”, the following definition:

““Family Physicians Accreditation Board” means the Family Physicians Accreditation Board established under section 35A of the Act;”.

New regulation 20A

3. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 20, the following regulation:

“Application for registration as family physician

20A.—(1) A registered medical practitioner who wishes to be registered as a family physician shall apply to the Medical Council in such form as the Medical Council may require.

(2) The application shall be accompanied by a certificate obtained from the Family Physicians Accreditation Board under section 35B of the Act and the prescribed fee.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5) and section 22A(2) and (3) of the Act, the Medical Council may register an applicant as a family physician.

(4) In imposing or refusing to impose any conditions or restrictions under section 22A(2) of the Act, the Medical Council shall have regard to the advice of the Family Physicians Accreditation Board, under section 35B(1)(f) of the Act, on any matters affecting, or connected with the registration of, a particular family physician or family physicians generally.

(5) The Medical Council may refuse to register an applicant as a family physician if, in the opinion of the Medical Council, the applicant —

- (a) does not have the qualifications and experience, or does not meet the conditions, as determined by the Family Physicians Accreditation Board under section 35B of the Act, for registration as a family physician;
- (b) is not of good reputation and character;
- (c) is unfit to practise medicine either generally or as a family physician —
 - (i) because his ability to practise has been impaired by reason of his physical or mental condition; or
 - (ii) for any other reason;
- (d) is not a registered medical practitioner under the Act;
- (e) has had his name removed from a register of medical practitioners in any country whose degrees or licences in medicine are recognised as a qualification entitling the holder thereof to be registered under the Act; or
- (f) has failed to comply with any condition or restriction of any previous registration that may have been imposed on him by the Medical Council.

(6) Where the Medical Council refuses to register an applicant, the Medical Council shall by notice in writing inform the applicant of such refusal.

(7) The applicant may, within one month after the date of the notice given under paragraph (6), appeal to the Minister whose decision shall be final.”.

Amendment of Fourth Schedule

4. The Fourth Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “branches of medicine under the Register of Specialists” in the first column of item 5 and substituting the words “or more branches of medicine under the Register of Specialists or Register of Family Physicians”;
- (b) by deleting the word “*Illustration*” in the third column of item 5 and substituting the word “*Illustrations*”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the paragraph ending with the words “in Cardiology” in the third column of item 5, the following paragraph:

“If the practitioner is registered in the specialty of Internal Medicine and in the Family Physicians Register, he must obtain at least 10 points from one or more core programmes in Internal Medicine and at least 10 points from one or more core programmes in Family Medicine”;
- (d) by deleting the words “branches of medicine under the Register of Specialists” in the first column of item 6 and substituting the words “or more branches of medicine under the Register of Specialists or Register of Family Physicians”;
- (e) by deleting the word “*Illustration*” in the third column of item 6 and substituting the word “*Illustrations*”; and
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the paragraph ending with the words “in Cardiology” in the third column of item 6, the following paragraph:

“If the practitioner is registered in the specialty of Internal Medicine and in the Family Physicians Register, he must obtain at least 5 points from one or more core programmes in Internal Medicine and at least 5 points from one or more core programmes in Family Medicine”.

Amendment of Fifth Schedule

5. The Fifth Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after item 2, the following item:

“2A. Application for registration under regulation 20A in the Register of Family Physicians —

 - (a) where the accompanying certificate granted by the Family Physicians Accreditation Board is based on a qualification obtained by the medical practitioner from a foreign institution \$500

(b) in any other case \$200”; and
 (b) by deleting items 10, 11 and 12 and substituting the following items:

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| “10. Application under regulation 65 for restoration — | |
| (a) to the Register of Specialists | \$100 |
| (b) to the Register of Family Physicians | \$100 |
| (c) to any other register | \$500 |
| 11. Application for any amendment — | |
| (a) to the Register of Specialists | \$100 per amendment |
| (b) to the Register of Family Physicians | \$100 per amendment |
| 12. Appeal against a refusal of registration under section 28(5) of the Act or regulation 20(7) or 20A(7) | \$100 |
| 13. Appeal against a refusal to grant a certificate under section 35(3) or 35B(3) of the Act | \$100.”. |

Made this 29th day of June 2011.

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Singapore Medical Council.

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