
First published in the *Government Gazette*, Electronic Edition, on 26 December 2023 at 5 pm.

No. S 884

MEDICAL REGISTRATION ACT 1997

MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 70 of the Medical Registration Act 1997, 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 2023 and come into operation on 1 January 2024.

Amendment of regulation 21

2. In the Medical Registration Regulations 2010 (G.N. No. S 733/2010) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations), in regulation 21(1), after the definition of “Council’s website”, insert —

““ethics core programme” means a core programme identified under regulation 23(2) as a core programme for all registered medical practitioners which relates to education or training in respect of medical ethics;”.

Amendment of regulation 24

3. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 24, replace paragraph (4) with —

“(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 that he has indicated to the Medical Council, he obtains at least 50 continuing medical education points of which —

-
-
- (a) for renewal of a practising certificate before 1 January 2026 — at least 10 continuing medical education points are from one or more general or specific core programmes; and
 - (b) for renewal of a practising certificate on or after 1 January 2026 —
 - (i) at least 10 continuing medical education points are from one or more general or specific core programmes; and
 - (ii) at least 5 continuing medical education points are from ethics core programmes.”.

Amendment of regulation 25

4. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 25, delete paragraph (3).

Amendment of Fourth Schedule

5. In the principal Regulations, in the Fourth Schedule —

(a) in items 1, 2, 5 and 6, replace the third column with —

“For renewal of any practising certificate —

(a) before 1 January 2026 — 20% of the requisite number of continuing medical education points from one or more general or specific core programmes

(b) on or after 1 January 2026 —

(i) 20% of the requisite number of continuing medical education points from one or more general or specific core programmes; and

(ii) 10% of the requisite number of continuing medical education points from one or more ethics core programmes”;

(b) in item 3, replace the third column with —

“For renewal of any practising certificate —

(a) before 1 January 2026 — 20% of the requisite number of continuing medical education points from one or

more core programmes in each of those branches of medicine

- (b) on or after 1 January 2026 —
- (i) 20% of the requisite number of continuing medical education points from one or more core programmes in each of those branches of medicine; and
 - (ii) 10% of the requisite number of continuing medical education points from one or more ethics core programmes

Illustrations

If the practitioner is registered in Internal Medicine and Cardiology, he must obtain —

- (a) for renewal of his practising certificate before 1 January 2026 — 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 Cardiology
- (b) for renewal of his practising certificate on or after 1 January 2026 —
 - (i) at least 10 points from one or more core programmes in Internal Medicine;
 - (ii) at least 10 points from one or more core programmes in Cardiology; and
 - (iii) at least 5 points from one or more ethics core programmes

If the practitioner is registered in the specialty of Internal Medicine and in the Family Physicians Register, he must obtain —

- (a) for renewal of his practising certificate before 1 January 2026 — 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
- (b) for renewal of his practising certificate on or after 1 January 2026 —

-
-
- (i) at least 10 points from one or more core programmes in Internal Medicine;
 - (ii) at least 10 points from one or more core programmes in Family Medicine; and
 - (iii) at least 5 points from one or more ethics core programmes”;

(c) in item 4, replace the third column with —

“For renewal of any practising certificate —

- (a) before 1 January 2026 — 20% of the requisite number of continuing medical education points from one or more core programmes in each of those branches of medicine
- (b) on or after 1 January 2026 —
 - (i) 20% of the requisite number of continuing medical education points from one or more core programmes in each of those branches of medicine; and
 - (ii) 10% of the requisite number of continuing medical education points from one or more ethics core programmes

Illustrations

If the practitioner is registered in Internal Medicine and Cardiology, he must obtain —

- (a) for renewal of his practising certificate before 1 January 2026 — 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 Cardiology
- (b) for renewal of his practising certificate on or after 1 January 2026 —
 - (i) at least 5 points from one or more core programmes in Internal Medicine;
 - (ii) at least 5 points from one or more core programmes in Cardiology; and

- (iii) at least 3 points from one or more ethics core programmes

If the practitioner is registered in the specialty of Internal Medicine and in the Family Physicians Register, he must obtain —

- (a) for renewal of his practising certificate before 1 January 2026 — 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
- (b) for renewal of his practising certificate on or after 1 January 2026 —
 - (i) at least 5 points from one or more core programmes in Internal Medicine;
 - (ii) at least 5 points from one or more core programmes in Family Medicine; and
 - (iii) at least 3 points from one or more ethics core programmes”; and

(d) in item 7, replace the third column with —

“For grant of any practising certificate —

- (a) before 1 January 2026 — 20% of the requisite number of continuing medical education points from one or more general or specific core programmes
- (b) on or after 1 January 2026 —
 - (i) 20% of the requisite number of continuing medical education points from one or more general or specific core programmes; and
 - (ii) 10% of the requisite number of continuing medical education points from one or more ethics core programmes”.

[G.N. Nos. S 357/2011; S 659/2011; S 677/2012; S 100/2013; S 403/2014; S 711/2015; S 148/2018; S 1062/2020; S 539/2022]

Made on 8 December 2023.

CHEE YAM CHENG
President,
Singapore Medical Council.

[SMC 15.10; AG/LEGIS/SL/174/2020/1 Vol. 1]