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WOMEN'S CHARTER 1961

WOMEN'S CHARTER (PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 180 of the Women's Charter 1961, the Minister for Social and Family Development makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Women's Charter (Protection of Women and Girls) (Amendment) Rules 2024 and come into operation on 2 January 2025.

Amendment of rule 2

2. In the Women's Charter (Protection of Women and Girls) Rules (R 2), in rule 2 —

(a) delete “, unless the context otherwise requires”; and

(b) after the definition of “Medical Officer”, insert —

““paramedic” includes —

(a) a member of the Singapore Civil Defence Force raised and maintained under the Civil Defence Act 1986 who is a paramedic;

(b) an ambulance paramedic as defined by regulation 9(8) of the Healthcare Services (Emergency Ambulance Service and Medical Transport Service) Regulations 2022 (G.N. No. S 2/2022); and

(c) an emergency medical technician as defined by regulation 9(8) of the Healthcare Services (Emergency Ambulance Service and Medical Transport Service) Regulations 2022;

“psychiatrist” means a medical practitioner who is registered as a psychiatrist in the Register of Specialists under the Medical Registration Act 1997;

“registered dentist” means a person registered as a fully registered dentist under section 14(1) or (2) of the Dental Registration Act 1999;

“registered medical practitioner” has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Medical Registration Act 1997;

“registered nurse” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Nurses and Midwives Act 1999;”.

Replacement of rule 62

3. In the Women’s Charter (Protection of Women and Girls) Rules, replace rule 62 with —

“Healthcare professionals and mental capacity assessors under section 160A of Act

62. For the purposes of section 160A of the Act —

- (a) the following persons are recognised as healthcare professionals:
- (i) a paramedic;
 - (ii) a psychiatrist;
 - (iii) a registered dentist;
 - (iv) a registered medical practitioner;
 - (v) a registered nurse; and

(b) the following persons may be appointed by the Director-General as mental capacity assessors:

- (i) a psychiatrist;
- (ii) a psychologist;
- (iii) a registered medical practitioner.”.

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(To be presented to Parliament under section 180(2)(a) of the Women’s Charter 1961).