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**TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF DENTISTS.**

[1st August, 1926.]

Short title.      **1. This Law may be cited as the Dentists Registration Law.**

Interpreta-  
tion.  
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**2. In this Law—**  
“Medical Council” means the Medical Council as constituted and composed under the Medical Registration Law together with one practitioner in private practice appointed by the Governor;

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“practitioner” means a person whose name is on the register;

“register” means the Dental Register to be kept under this Law.

3. The Director of Medical Services shall be the Registrar under this Law and shall keep a register, to be called "The Dental Register," of all persons who are entitled in accordance with the provisions of this Law and shall desire to have their names placed upon the register. Such register shall be, as nearly as may be, according to the form given in the First Schedule.

Registrar to keep the Dental Register.

First Schedule.

4. (1) Any person shall be entitled to be registered as a dentist who satisfies the Medical Council that he—

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- (a) has attained the age of 21 years;
- (b) is a person of good character;
- (c) has an adequate knowledge of the English language;
- (d) is not by reason of any professional misconduct incapacitated from practising dentistry elsewhere,

and that he—

- (i) is the holder of a licence, degree or diploma which entitles him to be registered as a dentist in the United Kingdom; or
- (ii) is the holder of a licence, degree or diploma granted by any University, College or School of Dentistry as may be declared by Order of the Governor in Council to be a recognized qualification for the purposes of this section, and that he has resided in Cyprus for a period of five years within the last fifteen years immediately preceding the date of his application to be registered.

(2) The Governor in Council may, in exceptional cases, upon the recommendation of the Medical Council, dispense with the residential qualification prescribed in paragraph (ii) of subsection (1).

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5. Where any person desires to be registered under this Law he shall make application to the Registrar and shall submit such evidence as may be necessary to show that he is entitled to be so registered.

Application to be made to Registrar.

6. The Medical Council shall grant a certificate of registration in the form set out in the Second Schedule to any person who satisfies the Medical Council that he fulfils the qualifications and requisites in section 4 prescribed.

Certificate of registration.  
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Second Schedule.

Registration  
and fee.  
Second  
Schedule.

7. The Registrar shall upon production to him by the applicant of a certificate in the form in the Second Schedule and upon payment of the fee of five pounds place the name of the applicant on the register.

Publication  
of copy of  
the register.

8. (1) A copy of the register shall be published by the Registrar in the Gazette as soon after the commencement of this Law as may be convenient and thereafter a copy of the register, as it stands at such times, shall be published by the said Registrar in the month of January in each year.

(2) Any copy of the Gazette for the year in which the list is last published shall be *prima facie* evidence in all legal proceedings that the persons therein named are practitioners:

Provided always that in the case of any practitioner whose name does not appear in the list last published as aforesaid, a certificate under the hand of the Registrar shall be evidence that such person is a practitioner and the Registrar shall on application for such a certificate grant the same on payment of a fee of one hundred and twenty-five mils.

Keeping the  
register up  
to date.

9. (1) The Registrar shall keep the register correct in accordance with the provisions of this Law, and shall make from time to time the necessary alterations in the addresses or qualifications of the persons registered under this Law, and shall cancel in the register the names of all persons so registered who have died or ceased to be qualified.

(2) Whenever any person so registered under this Law changes his address he shall forthwith notify his new address to the said Registrar.

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(3) The said Registrar may write a letter to any registered person, addressed to him according to his address in the register, to inquire whether he has changed his residence, and if he does not receive an answer to such letter within six months of the sending thereof he may erase from the register the name of such person provided always that the same may be restored at the request of the Medical Council.

Notification  
of change  
of qualifica-  
tion.

10. Any person registered under this Law who may obtain any degree or qualification other than the degree or qualification in respect of which he is registered may cause such other degree or qualification to be inserted in the register, in substitution for or in addition to the degree or

qualification already registered on producing to the Registrar a certificate under the hands of the Medical Council that he has obtained such other degree or qualification and the Medical Council shall grant the certificate on the applicant producing to them, through the Registrar, the documents evidencing such other degree or qualification. 7 of 23/36.

11. If an applicant for registration shall be dissatisfied with the decision of the Medical Council, he may appeal to the Chief Justice in chambers, by petition to be lodged with the Registrar. The Registrar shall within ten days after the petition is lodged, transmit the same to the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice shall, with the assistance, if he shall require it, of two practitioners, other than the Medical Council, hear and determine such appeal, and in case he shall consider the applicant duly qualified and entitled to be registered under this Law, he shall direct the Registrar to place the name of the applicant on the register upon payment by the applicant of the fee prescribed in section 7. Appeal from Council's decision. 7 of 23/36.

12. Any entry in the register which is proved to the satisfaction of the Medical Council to have been fraudulently or incorrectly made may be erased from the register, provided that a record of the reason for every such erasure is entered in the register and signed by the Registrar. Fraudulent or incorrect entries. 7 of 23/36.

13. (1) Where any practitioner has been convicted of an offence under sections 36 to 66, inclusive, of the Criminal Code, the Governor may by order direct the Registrar to remove from the register the name of such practitioner, and the Registrar shall comply with such order. Power to Governor to order that name of practitioner be removed from the register. Cap. 154.

(2) The Governor may at any time revoke any order made under subsection (1). 5 of 13/39.

(3) Every order and every revocation of an order made under this section shall be notified to the Registrar.

(4) Where an order has been revoked under subsection (2), the Registrar shall, on the payment of such fee, not exceeding the registration fee, as the Medical Council may from time to time fix, restore to the register the name of the practitioner to whom such revocation relates.

14. (1) The Registrar shall remove from the register the name of any practitioner—

(a) who is deceased;

Removal of name of practitioner from the register. 6 of 13/39.

- (b) who has registered through error as to his qualifications for registration;
- (c) against whom an order that his name be erased from the register has been made by the Medical Council under section 15 and the order has not been reversed on appeal;
- (d) who has been deprived of the qualifications under which he is registered by the body which granted them.

(2) The Medical Council may, if it think fit, at any time after five years from the date on which the name of a practitioner has been erased from the register under paragraph (c) of subsection (1), direct the Registrar to restore to the register the name of such practitioner, and upon such direction and on the payment of such fee, not exceeding the registration fee, as the Medical Council may from time to time fix, the Registrar shall restore to the register the name of such practitioner.

Powers  
of Medical  
Council to  
inquire into  
misconduct.  
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15. (1) If any registered practitioner is convicted of any offence which, in the opinion of the Medical Council, involves moral turpitude or is, after due inquiry by the Medical Council, found to have been guilty of infamous or disgraceful conduct in any professional respect or to have obtained registration by a false or fraudulent representation, the Medical Council may order that the name of such practitioner be erased from the register or that he be suspended from practising during such period as it may think fit.

(2) Where by an order made under subsection (1) it is ordered—

- (a) that the name of a practitioner be erased from the register; or
- (b) that a practitioner be suspended from practising during such period as may be specified in the order;

the Registrar shall—

- (i) in the first mentioned case and when the order has not been reversed on appeal, remove the name of the practitioner from the register; and
- (ii) in the second mentioned case, and when the order has not been reversed on appeal, make an entry thereof in the register; and

(iii) in either case, cause a notice containing the effect of the operative part of the order to be published in the Gazette.

(3) In any inquiry held under sub-section (1) the person against whom such offence, misconduct or misrepresentation is alleged, shall be entitled to appear and be heard before the Medical Council.

(4) Where the entry of a suspension has been made in the register under the provisions of this section, the practitioner to whom such entry relates shall, during the period of suspension, be deemed not to be registered for the purposes of this Law.

16. (1) Any practitioner whose name the Medical Council has ordered to be erased from the register, or whom the Medical Council has ordered to be suspended from practising during such period as may be specified in the order, may, within ten days from the notification to him by the Registrar of the order of the Council, appeal to the Supreme Court by lodging a petition with the Registrar.

Appeal from order to erase name from register or from order to suspend.  
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(2) The Registrar shall, within ten days from the date of the lodging of the petition, transmit the same together with all relevant documents or copies thereof, to the Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court.

(3) The Supreme Court shall hear and determine the appeal in such manner as it shall think fit and shall make such order as to the erasure of the name of the appellant from the register, or as to the suspension, as it shall think fit.

(4) Where a practitioner appeals under subsection (1), the Registrar shall not erase the name of such practitioner, or shall not make an entry of the suspension, pending the determination of the appeal.

17. Every person registered under this Law shall be entitled to practise dentistry and dental surgery in Cyprus, and to demand and recover reasonable charges for services rendered by him as such dentist, and the costs of medicines and surgical appliances supplied by him.

Right of registered dentists to practise.

18. No person shall be entitled to recover any charge in any Court of law for any dental operation, service, work, or attendance, or for any medicine which he shall have pre-

Right to recover charges for dental practice.

scribed and supplied, unless he shall prove upon the trial that he is registered under this Law.

Meaning of words "legally qualified dentist."

19. The words "legally qualified dentist" or "duly qualified dentist" or any words importing a person recognized at law as a dentist, when used in any Law or Regulation, shall be construed to mean a dentist registered under this Law.

Naval and Military dentists.

20. All dentists of Her Majesty's Navy and Army serving in Cyprus on full pay shall be deemed to be registered under this Law.

Punishment for fraudulently procuring persons to be registered.

21. If any person fraudulently procures or attempts to procure himself or any other person to be registered under this Law by making or producing or causing to be made or produced any false or fraudulent representation or declaration, either orally or in writing, he and every person aiding or assisting him shall be guilty of an offence, and shall on conviction thereof be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years, or to both such punishments.

Prohibitions and penalties.

22. (1) From and after the date on which this Law shall come into operation no person other than a dentist registered under this Law or a duly qualified medical practitioner shall be entitled—

- (a) to take or use the name or title of a dentist or dental surgeon or any other name, words, title, or description either alone or in conjunction with any other word or words implying or tending to the belief that he is entitled to practise dentistry or dental surgery, or
- (b) to practise for gain or to profess to practise or to publish his name as practising dentistry or dental surgery, or
- (c) to perform for gain any dental operation or service:

Provided that the extraction of teeth shall not be deemed a dental operation or service within the meaning of this Law.

(2) No person registered under this Law as a dentist shall assume the title of doctor unless he is registered as a legally qualified medical practitioner under the Medical Registration Law:



Provided that the title of doctor may, with the sanction of the Medical Council, be assumed by any person registered under this Law as a dentist who, in addition to the qualifications set out in section 4, satisfies the Medical Council that he also possesses a licence, degree or diploma of a Doctor in Dentistry. 3 of 9/46.

(3) Any person acting in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an offence, and shall on conviction thereof be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

23. Nothing in this Law shall preclude any person authorized to practise for gain under the Medical Registration Law from rendering to any patient in the course of his practice any dental service, or from recovering his charges in respect of such service or in respect of any medicine supplied in connection therewith. Saving as to medical practitioners.  
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24. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Law, the Registrar shall issue a special licence to any person, who at the date of the commencement of this Law is *bonâ fide* engaged in the practice of dentistry or dental surgery in Cyprus, either separately or in conjunction with the practice of medicine, surgery or pharmacy and who satisfies the Medical Council that he has been so engaged for three years immediately before the commencement of this Law and shall keep, publish, and revise a list of such persons so specially licensed in the same manner as the register of dentists. Transitory provisions for special licence to existing practitioners.  
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(2) Any such person shall be entitled to practise dentistry and dental surgery in the same manner as a registered dentist, and shall (with the necessary modifications) have the same rights and immunities and be subject to the same liabilities and penalties as such registered dentists:

Provided that no such person shall be entitled to use any other title or designation than that of "Licensed Dentist," and any such person using any other title or designation shall be guilty of an offence, and shall on conviction thereof be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

25. All fees received by the Registrar under this Law shall be paid to the Accountant-General for the benefit of the general revenue. Registration fees paid to revenue.

[SCHEDULES.]

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## FIRST SCHEDULE.

(Section 3.)

## FORM OF REGISTER.

| Name. | Residence. | Date of Registration. | Qualifications with dates. |
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|       |            |                       |                            |

## SECOND SCHEDULE.

(Sections 6 and 7.)

We hereby certify that we have examined the documents evidencing the qualification of A. B. to be registered under the Dentists Registration Law, and we hereby find that the said A. B. holds (*here state degree, diploma, or licence of the said A. B.*) and that he is entitled to be registered under the said Law.

C. D. }  
 E. F. } *Medical Assessors.*  
 H. G. }