



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

S.I. No. 688 of 2010

MEDICAL COUNCIL — REGISTRATION RULES V3

(Prn. A10/2006)

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These rules are made pursuant to the provisions of section 11 of the Medical Practitioners Act, 2007 (“the Act”).

**GENERAL DIVISION — PURSUANT TO SECTION 46 OF THE ACT
 (“General Registration”)**

1. The examination referred to in section 46(b)(i) of the Act is the Pre-Registration Examination System (“the PRES”).
2. The grounds referred to in section 46(b)(ii) of the Act are as follows:
 - (a) medical practitioners who have been awarded a qualification arising from the satisfactory completion of a programme of basic medical education and training approved under section 88(2)(a)(i)(I) of the Act and who have been awarded a certificate of experience within the meaning of section 49(2) of the Act;
 - (b) medical practitioners who would have met the requirements of section 46(b)(iii) of the Act if they were a national of a Member State.
3. Pursuant to section 46(b)(iv) of the Act, the Council shall determine a document to be the equivalent of a certificate of experience if it:
 - (a) meets the standards published by the Council pursuant to section 88(3)(d) of the Act; and
 - (b) meets the criteria set out in Rule 2 of the Rules made pursuant to the provisions of section 11 and 88(3)(a) of the Act; and
 - (c) has been awarded to a medical practitioner following a period of employment in a hospital, health institution, clinic, general medical practice or other health service setting which provides, in the opinion of the Council, an equivalent standard of training to those hospitals, health institutions, clinics, general medical practices or other health service settings as are specified under the provisions of section 49(3)(a) of the Act.

**SPECIALIST DIVISION — PURSUANT TO SECTION 47 OF THE ACT
 (“Specialist Registration”)**

4. For the purposes of section 47(1)(a) of the Act, the Council shall consider any medical practitioner who satisfies the provisions of section 47(1) subparagraph (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) of the Act to be a person who has completed specialist training in a medical specialty recognised by the Council.

*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in
 “Iris Oifigiúil” of 18th February, 2011.*

5. The criteria to be applied to medical practitioners under section 47(1) subparagraphs (b), (c), (d) or (e) of the Act shall be the criteria set out in those subparagraphs and the Council shall consider applications under sections 47(1) subparagraphs (c), (d) and (e) of the Act in accordance with the procedures outlined in EU Directive 2005/36/EC and S.I. 139/2008.

6. The Council will be satisfied that a medical practitioner has achieved a standard which is adequate for the purposes of registration in the Specialist Division under section 47(1) subparagraph (f) of the Act if:

- (a) the Council determines the programme of training completed and experience in specialised medicine acquired by the medical practitioner to be of a standard equivalent to that which would have caused a body referred to in section 47(1)(b) of the Act to have granted evidence of satisfactory completion of specialist training; or
- (b) the medical practitioner is a third country national who possesses a degree, diploma or other evidence of formal qualification in specialised medicine or a certificate of acquired rights in specialised medicine who would be entitled to recognition under section 47(1) subparagraphs (c), (d) or (e) if he were a national of the State or a Member State.

7. Any applicant for registration in the Specialist Division who does not meet the criteria set out in Rules 4, 5, or 6 above and who has completed a programme of specialist training mainly outside the State shall have their application for registration considered in accordance with the general system for the recognition of evidence of specialist training set out in EU Directive 2005/36/EC.

**TRAINEE SPECIALIST DIVISION — PURSUANT TO SECTION 48 OF
THE ACT (“Trainee Specialist Registration”)**

8. The provisions of Rule 3 above will apply to sections 48(2)(c) and 48(3)(c) of the Act.

9. The examination referred to in sections 48(3)(a)(i) and 48(4)(a)(i) of the Act is the Pre-Registration Examination System (“the PRES”).

10. The grounds for exemption referred to in sections 48(3)(a)(ii) and 48(4)(a)(ii) of the Act are as follows:

- (a) medical practitioners who were registered on the General Register of Medical Practitioners under section 27 (full registration) or 29 (temporary registration) of the Medical Practitioners Act 1978;
- (b) medical practitioners who have passed Part II of the Temporary Registration Assessment Scheme (“TRAS”) within the past three years;
- (c) medical practitioners who have been awarded a postgraduate qualification as set out in **Appendix A** by a body recognised under section

89(3)(a)(ii) of the Act or a postgraduate qualification which is, in the opinion of the Council, equivalent to such postgraduate qualification;

- (d) a medical practitioner shall be exempt from the PRES if they have been accepted into a higher specialist training programme, recognised by the Medical Council by virtue of meeting criteria as identified by the Medical Council in guidelines.

**INTERNSHIP REGISTRATION IN THE TRAINEE SPECIALIST
DIVISION — PURSUANT TO SECTION 49 OF THE ACT
("Internship Registration")**

11. The period or periods referred to in section 49(3) of the Act are those set out in Rule 2 of the Rules made by Council pursuant to the provisions of sections 11 and 88(3)(a) of the Act; and

12. The health service settings referred to in section 49(3)(a) of the Act shall be a health service setting or settings in which medical practitioners occupy intern training posts approved by the Medical Council under section 88(3)(a) of the Act.

The following are revoked:

1. Medical Council Registration Rules commenced on 16th March 2009 as amended on 29th October 2009 (S.I. No. 591 of 2009), and

2. Medical Council Rules Specifying Pre-Registration Examinations and Exemptions which commenced on 16th March 2009 as amended on 3rd December 2009 and 21st July 2010 (S.I. No. 480 of 2010).

THESE RULES COMMENCE ON THE 1st DAY OF JANUARY 2011.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Council,
10th December 2010.

Professor Kieran Murphy,
President of the Medical Council.

Ms Caroline Spillane,
Chief Executive Officer.

APPENDIX A

FCA RCSI (formerly FFARCSI)	Fellow	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland College of Anaesthetists (formerly Faculty)
OQE	Primary Examination	College of Anaesthetists of Ireland
MFPHMI	Member	Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
FFPHMI	Fellow	Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
MFOM RCPI	Member	Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
FFOM RCPI	Fellow	Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
LFOM	Licentiate	Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
FFPath	Fellow	Faculty of Pathology of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
MRCPI (Obstetrics & Gynaecology)	Member	Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
MRCPI (Medicine of Childhood)	Member	Faculty of Paediatrics of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
MRCPI	Member	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
FRCP	Fellow	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
FRCSI	Fellow	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
MRC(SI)(C)	Collegiate Member	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
IMRC(SI)*	Intercollegiate Member*	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland <i>*Exemption from PRES on the basis of Intercollegiate Membership would only be granted when accompanied by an original/certified copy Certificate of Completion of Basic Surgical Training (CCBST).</i>
AFRC(SI)	Associate Fellow	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland [<i>Exit examination for Basic Specialist Training in Emergency Medicine in Ireland.</i>]
FCEM	Fellow	College of Emergency Medicine (UK) [<i>Exit examination for Higher Specialist Training in Emergency Medicine in Ireland.</i>]
MCEM	Member	College of Emergency Medicine (UK) [<i>Irish trainees are required to sit these examinations.</i>]
FFR RCSI	Fellow	Faculty of Radiologists of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
MICGP	Member	Irish College of General Practitioners
MRCPsych	Member	Royal College of Psychiatrists (UK) [<i>recognised by the College of Psychiatry of Ireland.</i>]

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

Any reference to the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 includes the amendment of that Act by the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2007 and any subsequent amendments.

The definition of EU Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council which is provided for in section 2 of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 includes the amendment of that Directive by Council Directive 2006/100/EC and any subsequent amendments.

In this document, the provisions of section (2) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 will apply except where the context otherwise requires.

In this document, the provisions of Article 3 and other relevant definitions contained within EU Directive 2005/36/EC will apply except where the context otherwise requires.

These rules were adopted by the Medical Council on 10th December 2010 and commence on 1st January 2011.

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