

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

No. 9 of 1954.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Medical Practitioners Registration Ordinance 1930-1950.

BE it ordained by the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909-1938* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1947*, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Medical Practitioners Registration Ordinance 1954*.*

Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Medical Practitioners Registration Ordinance 1930-1950* is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Medical Practitioners Registration Ordinance 1930-1954*.

2. Section four of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

Definitions.

(a) by omitting the definition of “Director-General of Health”; and

(b) by inserting after the definition of “The Chairman” the following definition:—

“‘The Director-General’ means the Director-General of Health of the Commonwealth;”.

3. Section six of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

Members of Medical Board.

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “of Health”;

(b) by omitting sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—

“(2.) A person is not eligible for appointment as a member of the Board unless he is, and for a period of not less than five years has been, registered as a medical practitioner in a State or Territory of the Commonwealth.”;

(c) by omitting from sub-sections (3.) and (4.) the words “of Health”; and

* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 5th April, 1954.

(d) by omitting sub-section (7.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—

“(7.) A quorum of the Board consists of the member presiding at the meeting (being the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman) and such number of other members as, together with the member so presiding, constitute a majority of the members of the Board.”.

Office of
member, how
vacated.

4. Section ten of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“(b) the member ceasing to be a person who is eligible for appointment as a member of the Board;”.

Qualifications
for registration.

5. Section twenty-one of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from paragraph (a) the words “the Dominion of”.

Registration
by the
Board.

6. Section twenty-two of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

(a) by omitting the words “British Empire” (wherever occurring) and inserting in their stead the words “Queen’s dominions”; and

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

“(2.) Notwithstanding the last preceding sub-section, a person is not entitled to be registered under this Ordinance unless he satisfies the Board—

(a) that, for a period of not less than twelve months or for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than twelve months, he served as a physician, surgeon or other medical officer in a hospital or hospitals, or in an institution or institutions, which, in the opinion of the Board, provides or provide satisfactory opportunities for training or experience; or

(b) that he has otherwise had equivalent training or experience.”.

7. Section twenty-four of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

Proof of
registration.

“24.—(1.) A certificate of registration issued under section twenty-two of this Ordinance under the hand of the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Board is evidence that the person specified in the certificate was registered under this Ordinance on the date specified in the certificate and has continued to be so registered.

“(2.) Judicial notice shall be taken of the signature of the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Board appearing on a certificate of registration referred to in the last preceding sub-section and of the fact that the person by whom the certificate purports to have been signed was, at the time the certificate was signed, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, as the case may be.”.

8. Section twenty-six of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words "His Majesty the King" and inserting in their stead the words "the Sovereign". Register may be altered.

9. Section thirty of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from paragraph (c) of sub-section (1.) the words "any part of His Majesty's Dominions" and inserting in their stead the words "Australia". Cancellation of registration for fraud and on other grounds.

10. After section thirty-eight of the Principal Ordinance the following section is inserted:—

"38A. Where a person is entitled to apply to the Board for registration under this Ordinance and the Board could, but for sub-section (2.) of section twenty-two of this Ordinance, register the person on receiving from him an application for registration, nothing in this Part shall make it unlawful for that person to accept and hold an appointment as, and to perform the functions and duties of, a physician, surgeon or other medical officer in the Canberra Community Hospital and, in the performance of those functions and duties, to sign a certificate to which the last preceding section applies." Appointment of unregistered person as medical officer at Canberra Community Hospital.

11. Section forty-one of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words "of Health". Power of Minister to determine charges.

Dated this fifth day of April, 1954.

W. J. SLJM

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

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for and on behalf of the Minister of State
for the Interior.