

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER

OF STATE FOR HEALTH

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LEGISLATION

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT)

ORDINANCE 1978

No.43 of 1978

The Medical Practitioners Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 1978 amends the Medical Practitioners Registration Ordinance 1930 to remove an anomaly existing in the Ordinance concerning registration qualifications.

At the present time a person who holds a qualification from a recognised medical school in the United Kingdom or Ireland can be registered in the Australian Capital Territory provided that the qualification was obtained after not less than 5 years study in medicine and surgery in the United Kingdom, Ireland or a country which is a part of the Queen's dominions. However, where a person holds the required qualification but obtained it as a result of a total of five years study divided between two or more of the countries concerned such a person is unable to obtain registration under the existing Ordinance.

The amending Ordinance corrects this situation by providing for a schedule of approved qualifications granted in the United Kingdom and Ireland. A person will be entitled to apply for registration if he holds a scheduled qualification.

The amending Ordinance has not been referred to the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly because the Assembly is not due to meet again until 19 February 1979.

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