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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 1631 (C.34)**

**MEDICAL PROFESSION**

**The Medical (Professional Performance) Act  
1995 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1996**

*Made* - - - - *26th June 1996*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 26th day of June 1996

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 6 of the Medical (Professional Performance) Act 1995(1), and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

**Citation and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Medical (Professional Performance) Act 1995 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1996.

(2) In this Order—

- (a) “the Act” means the Medical (Professional Performance) Act 1995;
- (b) “the 1983 Act” means the Medical Act 1983(2); and
- (c) “the GMC” means the General Medical Council(3).

**Appointed Days**

2.—(1) 1st September 1996 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Act—

- (a) section 7(2) (extent), so far as it relates to the provisions of the Act referred to in subparagraph (b);
- (b) in the Schedule (supplementary and consequential amendments of the 1983 Act), paragraph 1 so far as it relates to paragraph 14, and paragraph 14; and section 4 so far as it relates to those paragraphs.

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(1) 1995 c. 51.

(2) 1983 c. 54.

(3) See the 1983 Act, section 1.

(2) 1st September 1996 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Act, for the purpose of enabling the GMC in accordance with rules to determine the membership of its statutory committees<sup>(4)</sup> as from 1st January 1997—

- (a) section 7(2) (extent), so far as it relates to the provisions of the Act referred to in sub-paragraph (b);
- (b) in the Schedule (supplementary and consequential amendments of the 1983 Act), paragraph 1 so far as it relates to paragraph 12, and paragraph 12; and section 4 so far as it relates to those paragraphs.

(3) 1st January 1997 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Act—

- (a) section 7(2) (extent), so far as it relates to the provisions of the Act referred to in sub-paragraph (b);
- (b) in the Schedule (supplementary and consequential amendments of the 1983 Act), paragraph 1 so far as it relates to the other provisions of the Schedule brought into force by this sub-paragraph, paragraph 2, paragraph 12 so far as not already in force, and paragraph 13; and section 4 so far as it relates to those paragraphs.

*N. H. Nicholls*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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<sup>(4)</sup> See the 1983 Act, section 1(3).

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force certain provisions of the Medical (Professional Performance) Act 1995, which amends the Medical Act 1983.

Certain provisions are brought into force on 1st September 1996, first so as to provide that rules made by the GMC shall not come into force until they have been approved by the Privy Council, and secondly for the limited purpose of enabling the GMC to determine, in accordance with rules, who will be the members of its statutory committees from 1st January 1997.

The provisions brought into force on 1st January 1997 provide for the establishment, in accordance with rules, of two new Committees of the GMC, namely the Assessment Referral Committee and the Committee on Professional Performance.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Act have been brought into force by commencement order made before the date of this Order:

Provision	Date of Commencement	S.I. No.
Section 3	1st May 1996	<a href="#">1996/271</a>
Section 4 (partially)	1st May 1996	<a href="#">1996/271</a>
Section 5	1st May 1996	<a href="#">1996/271</a>
Section 6	1st May 1996	<a href="#">1996/271</a>
Section 7(1)	1st May 1996	<a href="#">1996/271</a>
Section 7(2) (partially)	1st May 1996	<a href="#">1996/271</a>
In the Schedule, paragraph 1 (partially) and paragraphs 4, 5, 6, 10(c), 22(b), 28(a), 29(a) and 30(a).	1st May 1996	<a href="#">1996/271</a>

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