
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 1914

**The Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) and
Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2006**

PART 4

**New arrangements for registration of persons qualifying
outside the European mutual recognition area**

New sections 21B and 21C of the Act replacing section 21A of the Act

35.—(1) Omit section 21A(1) (full registration for eligible specialists and qualified general practitioners).

(2) After section 21, insert the following sections—

“Full registration of persons with an overseas qualification

21B.—(1) Where a person satisfies the Registrar—

- (a) that he holds, or has passed all the qualifying examinations necessary for obtaining, an acceptable overseas qualification;
- (b) that he possesses the knowledge, skills and experience necessary for practising as a fully registered medical practitioner in the United Kingdom;
- (c) that his fitness to practise is not impaired; and
- (d) unless he is an exempt person, that he has the necessary knowledge of English,

that person shall, if the General Council think fit so to direct, be registered under this section as a fully registered medical practitioner.

(2) In this Act, an “acceptable overseas qualification” means any qualification granted outside the United Kingdom, where that qualification is for the time being accepted by the General Council as qualifying a person to practise as a medical practitioner in the United Kingdom.

Provisional registration of persons with an overseas qualification

21C.—(1) The following provisions shall have effect for enabling persons wishing to participate in programmes for provisionally registered doctors in order to be able to satisfy the Registrar, in accordance with section 21B(1)(b), that they possess the knowledge, skills and experience necessary for practising as fully registered medical practitioners in the United Kingdom.

(2) A person who satisfies the Registrar—

- (a) of the matters specified in paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) of section 21B(1) above; and

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- (b) that he possesses the knowledge and skill requisite for embarking upon an acceptable programme for provisionally registered doctors,
- may apply to the General Council to be provisionally registered under this section and, if the Council think fit so to direct, that person shall be so registered.
- (3) A person provisionally registered under this section shall be deemed to be registered under section 21B above as a fully registered medical practitioner so far as is necessary to enable him to participate in an acceptable programme for provisionally registered doctors but not further.”.