
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1994 No. 3298

MEDICAL PROFESSION

The General Medical Council Preliminary Proceedings
Committee and Professional Conduct Committee
(Procedure) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 1994

Made - - - - 21st December 1994
Laid before Parliament 29th December 1994
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At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 21st day of December 1994
By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Whereas in pursuance of paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 4 to the Medical Act 1983(1) the General Medical Council, having consulted with such bodies of persons representing medical practitioners as appeared to the said Council to be requisite, have made the General Medical Council Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 1994 as set out in the Schedule to this Order:

And whereas by sub-paragraph (5) of the said paragraph 1 such rules shall not come into force until approved by Order of the Privy Council:

Now, therefore, Their Lordships, having taken the said rules into consideration, are hereby pleased to approve the same.

This Order may be cited as the General Medical Council Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 1994, and shall come into force on 19th January 1995.

R.P. Bulling
Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council

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SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) RULES 1994

The General Medical Council, in exercise of their powers under paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 4 to the Medical Act 1983, and after consulting with such bodies of persons representing medical practitioners as appeared to the Council to be requisite, as required by those paragraphs, hereby make the following Rules:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the General Medical Council Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 1994, and shall come into force on 19th January 1995.

Amendment of the 1988 Rules

2. The General Medical Council Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee (Procedure) Rules 1988(2) shall be amended as follows:—

(a) Rule 17(3) shall be deleted and the following rule substituted:

“(3) Except with the agreement of the practitioner, the inquiry

(a) shall not be fixed for any date earlier than twenty-eight days after the date of posting of the Notice of Inquiry;

(b) shall not be fixed for any date earlier than six weeks after the date of the meeting of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee at which the case was referred for inquiry.”.

(b) Paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the Rules shall be deleted.

Given under the official seal of the General Medical Council this

second day of November nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

Robert Kilpatrick
President

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The rules approved by this Order amend the General Medical Council Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee (Procedure) Rules 1988 (annexed to S.I.1988/2255). The amendments clarify provisions governing the period which must elapse between

(2) Appended to S.I. 1988/2255, and amended by Rules appended to S.I. 1990/1587.

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meetings of the two Committees, and provide that, with the consent of the respondent practitioner, the period may be reduced in any particular case.