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The General Medical Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order of Council 2024

Made - - - -	*7th November 2024*
Laid before Parliament	*13th November 2024*
Coming into force - -	*13th December 2024*

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 7th day of November

2024

By the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

The General Medical Council has made the General Medical Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules 2024, which are set out in the Schedule to this Order, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraphs 19B to 19D, 19F, 19G, 23 and 23B of Schedule 1 to the Medical Act 1983(**a**).

By virtue of paragraph 24 of Schedule 1 to the Medical Act 1983(**b**) the Rules shall not come into force until approved by Order of the Privy Council.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the General Medical Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order of Council 2024 and comes into force on 13th December 2024.

Privy Council approval

2. Their Lordships, having taken the Rules in the Schedule into consideration, are pleased to and do approve them.

(**a**) 1983 c. 54. Paragraphs 19B to 19D, 23 and 23B of Schedule 1 were substituted by article 5(3) of S.I. 2002/3135. Paragraph 19B of Schedule 1 was amended by article 3(2)(b) of S.I. 2006/1914. Paragraph 19F of Schedule 1 was inserted by article 2(4) of S.I. 2015/794. Paragraph 19G of Schedule 1 was inserted by article 3(3) of S.I. 2015/794. Paragraph 23 of Schedule 1 was amended by article 4(1) of S.I. 2015/794 and article 3(2)(b) of S.I. 2006/1914. Paragraph 23B of Schedule 1 was amended by article 4(2) of S.I. 2015/794. There are other amending instruments but none are relevant.

(**b**) Paragraph 24 of Schedule 1 was amended by article 4(5) of S.I. 2015/794.

Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE

Article 2

The General Medical Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules 2024

The General Medical Council makes these Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraphs 19B to 19D, 19F, 19G, 23 and 23B of Schedule 1 to the Medical Act 1983(**a**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the General Medical Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules 2024 and come into force on 13th December 2024.

Amendments to the General Medical Council (Constitution of Panels, Tribunals and Investigation Committee) Rules 2015

2.—(1) The General Medical Council (Constitution of Panels, Tribunals and Investigation Committee) Rules 2015(**b**) are amended as follows.

(2) In rule 2 (interpretation)—

(a) for the definition of "lay", substitute ""lay" has the same meaning as in paragraph 1A(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Act;";

(b) for the definition of "medical", substitute ""medical", in relation to any person, means a person who is fully registered or provisionally registered under the Act and holds a licence to practise under the Act;".

Amendments to the General Medical Council (Constitution of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service) Rules 2015

3.—(1) The General Medical Council (Constitution of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service) Rules 2015(**c**) are amended as follows.

(2) In rule 2 (interpretation)—

(a) for the definition of "lay", substitute ""lay", in relation to any person, has the same meaning as in paragraph 1A(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Act;";

(b) for the definition of "registrant", substitute ""registrant" has the same meaning as in paragraph 1A(1)(a) of Schedule 1 to the Act;".

(**a**) 1983 c. 54. Paragraphs 19B to 19D, 23 and 23B of Schedule 1 were substituted by article 5(3) of S.I. 2002/3135. Paragraph 19B of Schedule 1 was amended by article 3(2)(b) of S.I. 2006/1914. Paragraph 19F of Schedule 1 was inserted by article 2(4) of S.I. 2015/794. Paragraph 19G of Schedule 1 was inserted by article 3(3) of S.I. 2015/794. Paragraph 23 of Schedule 1 was amended by article 4(1) of S.I. 2015/794 and article 3(2)(b) of S.I. 2006/1914. Paragraph 23B of Schedule 1 was amended by article 4(2) of S.I. 2015/794. There are other amending instruments but none are relevant.

(**b**) Set out in the Schedule to S.I. 2015/1965.

(**c**) Set out in the Schedule to S.I. 2015/1967.

Given under the official seal of the General Medical Council on this 2nd day of October 2024

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Prof. Dame Carrie MacEwen
Chair

Charlie Massey
Chief Executive and Registrar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order approves the General Medical Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules 2024 ("the 2024 Rules") which have been made by the General Medical Council and are contained in the Schedule to this Order.

The 2024 Rules amend rule 2 of the General Medical Council (Constitution of Panels, Tribunals and Investigation Committee) Rules 2015 to amend the definitions of "lay" and "medical" and rule 2 of the General Medical Council (Constitution of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service) Rules 2015 to amend the definitions of "lay" and "registrant". These changes will take effect from the date the Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 (S.I. 2024/374) ("AAPA Order") comes into force and are being made as a result of consequential amendments the AAPA Order makes to the Medical Act 1983. These amendments clarify that anaesthesia associates and physician associates will be registrants for the purposes of the constitution of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service but will not be considered registrants in relation to regulatory decisions concerning doctors and will not be able to sit on tribunals in respect of doctors.

No impact assessment has been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary sector or community bodies is foreseen.

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