1969 No. 1492 (C. 40)

MEDICAL PROFESSION

The Medical Act 1969 (Commencement) Order 1969

Made - - - *22nd October* 1969

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of October 1969

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty in pursuance of section 24 of the Medical Act 1969(a) is pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Medical Act 1969 (Commencement) Order 1969.

(2) In this Order references to "the Act" are references to the Medical Act 1969.

2. The provisions of the Act specified in Schedule 1 to this Order shall come into operation on 27th October 1969.

3. The provisions of the Act specified in Schedule 2 to this Order shall come into operation on 1st January 1970.

4. The provisions of the Act specified in Schedule 3 to this Order shall come into operation on 26th January 1970.

5. The provisions of the Act specified in Schedule 4 to this Order shall come into operation on 1st April 1970.

6. The provisions of the Act specified in Schedule 5 to this Order shall come into operation on 1st May 1970.

7. The provisions of the Act specified in Schedule 6 to this Order shall come into operation on 1st January 1971.

W. G. Agnew.

(a) 1969 c. 40.

SCHEDULE 1

Provisions coming into operation 27th October 1969

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Section 11	Registration of qualifications.
Section 12, except for subsection (6) of the section substituted for section 25 of the Medical Act 1956	Temporary registration for purposes of employment in hospitals in the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man.
Section 20 & Schedule 1	Amendment of the Medical Act 1956 (1956 c. 76).
Section 21, except for the definition of "the register" and "registered"	Interpretation and construction.
Section 22	Application to Northern Ireland.
Section 23(1) and Schedule 2 to the extent set out in the Appendix hereto	Repeals and transitional provisions.
Section 23(2) and Schedule 3 except for paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7	
Section 24	Short title, citation and commencement.

APPENDIX TO SCHEDULE 1

Repeals taking effect on 27th October 1969

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 76.	The Medical Act 1956.	In section 9(5), the words "with the approval of the Privy Council". In section 10(7), the words "with the sanction of the Privy Council". In section 11(4)(a), the words "or additional". In section 12(1), the words "or additional". In section 13(1), the words "or additional". In section 18, in subsection (1) paragraph (c) and the word "and" preceding it, and subsections (3) to (6). In section 24(1) (b) the words from "or that" to the end of the paragraph. In section 28(3), the words "(within the meaning of Part III of this Act)". In section 38(4), the words "with the approval of the Privy Council". In section 54(1), in the definition of "additional qualification", the words "subsection (1) of". In Schedule 1, in paragraph 7(1) proviso, the words "for attendance"; paragraph 9; and in paragraph 11, the word "treasurer". In Schedule 3, column 3.

SCHEDULE 2

Provisions coming into operation 1st January 1970

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Section 10	Expenses and accounts.
Section 23(1) and Schedule 2 to the extent set out in the Appendix hereto	Repeals.

APPENDIX TO SCHEDULE 2

Repeals taking effect on 1st January 1970

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 76.	The Medical Act 1956.	In section 6(4), the words "and expenses and accounts of those Councils". In Schedule 1, paragraphs 12 and 13.

SCHEDULE 3

Provisions coming into operation 26th January 1970

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Section 1	Abolition of local registers and renaming of general register.
Section 2 except so far as it replaces section 45 of the Medical Act 1956	Replacement of sections 41 to 46 of the Medical Act 1956.
Section 3	The registers.
Section 4	Power to make regulations with respect to the registers.
Section 7	Applications for registration.
Section 8	Certificates of full or provisional registration.
Section 9, except for the words "in the principal list" in subsection (1)	The Medical Register and the Overseas Medical Register.
Section 12 so far as relates to subsection (6) of the section substituted for section 25 of the Medical Act 1956	Temporary Registration for purposes of employment in hospitals in the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man.
Section 18	Power to make certain examinations qualifying ones.
Section 19	Power to request information from registered persons for statistical purposes.
Section 21 so much as is not included in Schedule 1 to this order	Interpretation and construction.
Section 23(1) and Schedule 2 to the extent set out in the Appendix hereto	Repeals.
Section 23(2) and Schedule 3 paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7	Transitional provisions.

APPENDIX TO SCHEDULE 3

Repeals taking effect on the 26th January 1970

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 76.	The Medical Act 1956.	Sections 41 to 44. Section 46. Section 48(2) in so far as it applies to section 44 of the Medical Act 1956. In section 49(1) proviso, the words "subsection (2) of section 46". In section 51, the words "or under section forty-one". In section 54(1) the definitions of "registered" and "the register". Section 57(7) and (8).

SCHEDULE 4

Provisions coming into operation 1st April 1970

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Section 13	Powers of Disciplinary Committee.
Section 14	Appeal against erasure or suspension.
Section 15	Power to order immediate suspension.
Section 16	Application of disciplinary provisions to temporarily registered persons.

SCHEDULE 5

Provisions coming into operation 1st May 1970

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Section 2, so far as it replaces section 45 of the Medical Act 1956	Replacement of sections 41 to 46 of the Medical Act 1956.
Section 5	Power to make regulations with respect to registration fees.
Section 6	Special provisions with respect to registration fees.
Section 17	Election of elected members of the General Council.
Section 23(1) and Schedule 2, so far as not already in operation	Repeals.

APPENDIX TO SCHEDULE 5

Repeals taking effect on 1st May 1970

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 76.	The Medical Act 1956.	Section 4(8). Section 45. Section 48(2) to the extent that it applies to section 45 of the Medical Act 1956. In section 49(1) proviso, the words "or forty-five". Schedule 2.

SCHEDULE 6

Provision coming into operation 1st January 1971

Provision of the Act	Subject matter of provision
Section 9, so far as relates to the words "in the principal list" in subsection (1)	The Medical Register and the Overseas Medical Register.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order in Council brings into operation on different dates all of the provisions of the Medical Act 1969. Section 11 (relating to registration of qualifications) and section 12 (temporary registration for employment in hospitals in the United Kingdom of Commonwealth or foreign practitioners) come into force on 27th October 1969. Section 10 (Expenses and Accounts of the General Medical Council and branch councils) comes into operation on 1st January 1970. Sections 1 to 4 (abolition of local registers and the separation of the newly-named Register of Medical Practitioners into a principal list and an overseas list) come into operation on 26th January 1970. Sections 13 to 15 (enabling the Disciplinary Committee, as an alternative to erasure from the register, to suspend the registration of a practitioner convicted of crime or judged guilty of serious professional misconduct) come into force on 1st April 1970. Section 5 (empowering the General Council to prescribe, by regulation, fees relating to registration, including an annual fee for retention of the name of a practitioner upon the register) will come into operation on 1st May 1970. On the same date section 17 (providing for the election of elected members of the General Council under a Scheme made by the Council) is also to be brought into effect.