STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 1035 (C. 29)

MEDICAL PROFESSION

The Medical Act 1978 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1978

Made - - - - *25th July* 1978

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 25th day of July 1978

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 32(2) of the Medical Act 1978(**a**), and 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 Act 1978 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1978.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Commencement of provisions of the Medical Act 1978

2.—(1) The provisions of the Medical Act 1978 specified in column 1 of the Schedule to this Order shall come into operation to the extent specified in column 2 on the date specified in column 3 of the said Schedule.

(2) The appointed day for the purposes of any such provisions shall be the day so specified for the coming into operation of that provision, except that nothing contained in this Order shall constitute the appointment of a day as the succession day for the purposes of section 1 of that Act.

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

(**a**) 1978 c. 12.

(**b**) 1889 c. 63.

SCHEDULE

PART I

Medical Act 1978	Extent	Date	Subject
Section 1	All except subsections (13) and (14).	23rd August 1978	Constitution of General Council.
Section 2	All.	23rd August 1978	Constitution of General Council.
Section 30	All.	23rd August 1978	Definitions.

Section 31	Subsection (1) and paragraphs 21(4) and (6), 29, 31 to 36, 41, 43 to 46, 49 insofar as it relates to the definition of "primary United Kingdom qualification", 50 to 53, 55, 58, 62 to 66 of Schedule 6;
	Subsection (2) insofar as it and Schedule 7 repeal—
	the Medical Act 1950(a);
	in the Medical Act 1956(b) sections 7A(1), 11(4), 12(2), 14, the words from "and so far" to "1950" in section 17(3), 48, 56(3) and the words "licentiate in midwifery" in column 2 of Part I of Schedule 3;
	Subsection (4).
		23rd August 1978	Minor and consequential amendments and repeals.

(a) 1950 c. 29.

(b) 1956 c. 76.

PART II

Medical Act 1978	Extent	Date	Subject
Section 29	All.	1st December 1978	Knowledge of English to be a condition for registration under s.18 or 23 of the Medical Act 1956.

PART III

Medical Act 1978	Extent	Date	Subject
Sections 22 to 28	All.	15th February 1979	Registration of overseas qualified doctors.
Section 31	Subsection (1) and paragraphs 15 to 17, 18(1) and (2), 20, sub-paragraphs (1) to (3), (5) and (7) of paragraph 21, paragraphs 22, 24 to 26, 28 and, insofar as it relates to the definition of "fully registered person", 49 of Schedule 6.	15th February 1979	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into operation on 23rd August 1978 provisions of the Medical Act 1978 for reconstituting the General Medical Council established under the Medical Act 1956; (the reconstituted Council will take office on a date to be appointed by a subsequent Order). It brings into operation on 1st December 1978 provisions of the 1978 Act making knowledge of English a condition of full or provisional registration under Part III of the 1956 Act and on 15th February 1979 provisions for a new class, called limited registration, replacing the existing facility for the temporary registration of doctors with overseas qualifications.

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