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1. Certain fees in this Chapter were increased by the Commission under paragraph 4 of the Second Schedule to the Law Revision Act (Ch. 3:03). Where this occurs, a marginal reference in the form normally indicating an amendment is made to L.N. 51/1980 (the Legal Notice by which the President's approval was signified).
2. Under paragraph 6 of the Second Schedule to the Law Revision Act (Ch. 3:03) the Commission amended certain references to public officers in this Chapter. The Minister's approval of the amendments was signified by L.N. 52/1980, but no marginal reference is made to this Notice where any such amendment is made to the text.

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MEDICAL BOARD ACT

An Act relating to the Medical Board and to the practice of Medicine and Surgery.

Commencement 120/1961

[21ST SEPTEMBER 1961]

Short title

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the Medical Board Act.

Interpretation

- 2.** In this Act –

“the Board” means the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago;

“the Council” means the Medical Council elected by the Board under this Act;

“diploma” means any diploma, degree, fellowship, membership, licence, certificate or other status or firm of recognition

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granted by a University, college or duly licensed body conferring authority to practise medicine in the country or place where granted;

“the former Ordinance” means the Medical Board Ordinance (repealed by this Act);

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(1950 Ed.)

“General Medical Council” means the General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom as constituted by the Medical Act 1858 and the Medical Act 1886 of the United Kingdom or by any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof;

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“medical practitioner” or any other words or expressions suggesting legal recognition of any person as a medical practitioner or member of the medical profession means a person registered under this Act;

“member” means a member of the Board;

“Register” means the Register of Medical Practitioners provided for under section 10;

“registration” means registration under this Act;

“temporary licence” means a licence issued under section 13.

PART I

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS MEDICAL BOARD, ITS CONSTITUTION, ETC.

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| <p>3. The Medical Board of Trinidad established by the Medical Ordinance 1887 and continued under the former Ordinance, Shall from the commencement of this Act bear the name of "The Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago" and such name shall Continue to be a body corporate.</p> <p>4. All persons registered as members of the Board shall constitute the Board.</p> <p>5. All persons registered immediately prior to the commencement of this Act as members of the Board shall continue to be so registered under this Act.</p> <p>6. (1) There shall be a Council of the Board consisting of -
(a) a President;
(b) a Vice-President;
(c) a Secretary-Treasurer; and</p> | <p>The Medical
Board of
Trinidad and
Tobago
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Members to continue
to be registered.</p> <p>The Council</p> |
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(d) four other members of the Board to be elected as below provided.

(2) The Council may appoint such committees to its members as it thinks fit for the proper carrying out of its functions, and May delegate any of it's functions to any such committee.

(3) If it appears to the Council that any member is by reason of illness, absence from Trinidad and Tobago, or for any other cause unlikely to be able for some time to perform his duties as a member of the Council, the Council may declare the seat of that person to be temporarily vacant.

(4) Any vacancy on the Council or any temporary vacancy for the period of its duration shall be filled by election of the board.

Existing Council to Continue to Office
7. Members of the Council elected under the former Ordinance and holding office at the commencement of this Act shall continue to hold office until the election of a new Council as below provided.

Election of Council
8. Within three months of the coming into force of this Act and triennially thereafter, there shall be convened in accordance With the Regulations a general meeting of the Board for the purpose of electing the Council.

Terms of Office and
9. (1) Members of the Council shall hold office for a term of three years.

Eligibility for elections
(2) The President and the Vice-President shall be elected from among members of the Board of at least three years standing.

(3) The members of the Council are eligible for re-election, Except that the President is eligible for re-election for one term only.

Register of Medical Practitioners.
[51/1980].
10. (1) The Council shall cause to be kept a book or register to be known as the "Register of Medical Practitioners" in which shall be entered the name of every person registered as a medical practitioner under this Act showing the following particulars:

- (a) his full name and address;
- (b) a description of and dates of the diplomas in respect of which he is registered and such other medical degrees and certificates to which he is entitled;
- (c) the date of his registration.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), no person whose name is not entered on the Register shall be deemed to be registered.

(3) All persons who were registered as medical practitioners under the former Ordinance immediately prior to the commencement of this Act are entitled to be registered under this Act without application on the part of such persons, and pending the entry of their names on the Register, shall be deemed to be duly registered.

(4) The Register shall at all reasonable times be open and subject to inspection by any person on payment of a fee of one dollar.

11. (1) The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the Register in accordance with this Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Council in that behalf and shall from time to time make the necessary alterations in the addresses or qualifications of persons registered.

Secretary
Treasurer
maintain
register performs
Duties prescribed

(2) The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform such other Duties as may be prescribed.

12. Any person who establishes to the satisfaction of the Council that he holds a diploma in respect of which he is entered or entitled to be entered on the Medical Register of the General Medical Council and that he is of good character and a fit and proper person to practise medicine shall upon application and upon compliance with the requirements of this Act be entitled to be registered as a member of the Board.

Who are
registered

13. (1) Notwithstanding section 12, the Council may issue or authorize to be issued, a temporary licence to engage in the practice of medicine during the currency thereof and subject to the terms and conditions contained therein, to any other person who establishes to the satisfaction of the Council that he is the holder of a diploma approved by the Board and is of good character and a fit and proper person to practise medicine.

Issue of
temporary
licence to
practise

(2) The Council shall determine the nature and extent of Each temporary licence, including –

- (a) the time during which the licence remains in force;
- (b) the area to which it extends;
- (c) the nature and character of the work which may be performed under the authority thereof;
- (d) such other terms and conditions as the Council may deem it expedient to impose;

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(3) It shall be lawful for the Council, upon the expiration of the period fixed for the temporary licence and upon being satisfied by a majority of members of the Council representing not less than two-thirds of those present and voting that the other conditions therein have been duly met by the person named and that the person is in all respects a fit and proper person as a member of the Board.

Fees

14. A person upon being admitted to registration or to whom a Temporary licence has been granted shall pay to the Secretary-Treasurer such initial registration fee and annual fees as may be prescribed.

Registration of

Higher or
additional
qualifications

15. Any member of the Board who has obtained a diploma higher than or additional to the diploma in respect of which he has

has been admitted to registration and which is approved by the Board

shall, on payment of such fee as may be prescribed, be entitled to have

the higher or additional diploma shown in the Register in substitution

for or in addition to, as the cause may be, the diploma previously shown.

Evidence and
Information

Required to
Be furnished

16. An applicant for registration or for a temporary licence shall furnish to the Secretary-Treasurer –

- (a) satisfactory evidence of his qualifications;
- (b) satisfactory proof of his identity;
- (c) such further and other information as the Council may require;

Erasure of
Incorrect or
fraudulent
entry.

17. The Council shall cause to be erased from the Register any entry which has been incorrectly or fraudulently made.

Certificate of
Secretary-
Treasurer to
be prima facie
evidence.

18. In all cases where proof of registration or of the issue of a temporary licence is required to be made, the production of a certificate showing that the person therein named is duly registered or is the holder of a temporary licence, certified under the hand of the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be sufficient evidence in all Courts of the registration of such person, or of the issue to him of a temporary licence as the case may be, and the production of the original Register shall not be required and any such certificate shall be accepted without proof that the person signing as the Secretary-Treasurer is the Secretary-Treasurer.

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19. (1) The Secretary-Treasurer shall not later than 31st March in each year cause to be printed in the *Gazette* a true and correct list of the names of all persons who are registered at such time and also a true and correct list of the names of all persons to whom a temporary licence has been granted.

Publication of lists.

(2) A copy of the *Gazette* containing a list referred to in subsection (1) shall, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be evidence in all Courts of the registration of, or of the issue of a temporary licence to, any person therein named, as the case may be, and of the qualifications of such person and of the non-registration of any person who is not therein named.

POWERS OF COUNCIL

20. (1) The Council, subject to the approval of the Board, shall have power to make such rules or regulations as it deems necessary for carrying the purposes and provisions of this Act into effect, and, without restricting the generality thereof for all or any of the following purposes:

Power of Council to make rules and

- (a) for the good government of the Board and for the proper conduct of its affairs;
- (b) for regulating the time, manner and place of meetings of the Board and the Council and the proceedings thereof;
- (c) for the conduct of elections including the manner of voting thereat, and all other matters arising out of or incidental to the elections as provided for in this Act;
- (d) with respect to the fees for registration or for the issue of a temporary licence and the amount of any annual or special fees to be paid by members;
- (e) with respect to the determination of the professional qualification and experience including internship required of an applicant for registration or for a temporary licence, and to proof of professional conduct and general fitness to practise medicine;
- (f) for regulating the manner of applying and using the funds of the Board;
- (g) for providing for by-elections and the circumstances whereby a vacancy shall be deemed to occur on the Council;

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- (h) for prescribing anything required or authorized to be prescribed;
- (i) for prescribing in respect of any contravention thereof or failure to comply therewith a penalty not exceeding a fine or three hundred dollars or imprisonment for three months on summary conviction.
- (2) No rule or regulation shall come into force or have effect until it has been approved by the Minister.
- (3) All rules and regulations shall be published in the *Gazette* and the production of a copy thereof shall be *prima facie* proof that a rule or regulation contained therein has been made and published as required by this Act.

False representations with a view to obtaining registration or licence.

Use of title by unauthorized person.

21. Any person who willfully procures or attempts to procure himself or any other person to be registered or licensed under this Act, by making or producing, or causing to be made to produce, any false or fraudulent representation or statement or declaration, either verbally or in writing or otherwise, is liable on summary conviction to a fine of three thousand dollars and to imprisonment for one year.

22. (1) Any person not being a member of the Board or the Holder of a temporary licence who –

- (a) takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying or calculated to lead persons to believe that he is registered or licensed under this Act or that he is recognized by law as a physician, surgeon, or licentiate in medicine or surgery;
- (b) assumes or uses the title “doctor”, “surgeon”, or “physician” or any affix or prefix indicative of any such title as an occupational designation relating to the practice of medicine; or
- (c) advertises or holds himself out as a person authorised or qualified to practise medicine or surgery,
- is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not operate so as to prevent a person who is registered as a dentist from using such title as is authorised thereby and appropriate to his qualifications.

Advertisement, holding out, or practise by unauthorized person.

23. (1) No person who is not registered or the holder of a temporary licence under this Act shall, either directly or indi-

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rectly, carry on for hire, gain, or hope of reward the healing art in any of its branches or –

- (a) by advertisement, sign, or statement of any kind, written, or oral, allege or imply or state that he is, or hold himself out as being, qualified, able, or willing, to diagnose, prescribe for, prevent, or treat, any human disease, ailment, deformity, defect, or injury, or to perform any operation to remedy any human disease, ailment, deformity, defect, or injury, or to examine or advise upon the physical or mental condition of any person;
 - (b) diagnose, or offer to diagnose, or attempt to diagnose, any human disease, ailment, deformity, defect, or injury, or to examine or advise upon, the physical or mental condition of a person;
 - (c) prescribe or administer any drugs, serum, medicine, or any substance or remedy, whether for the cure, treatment, or prevention, of any human disease, ailment, deformity, defect, or injury;
 - (d) prescribe or administer any treatment, or perform any operation or manipulation, or apply any apparatus or appliance, for the cure, treatment, or prevention, of any human disease, ailment, deformity, defect, or injury; or
 - (e) act as the assistant or associate of any person who practices or pretends to practise medicine as herein set out.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to –
- (a) any person acting under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner;
 - (b) any person who is registered or licensed under any other Act and who, under the authority thereof, performs or provides any service which he is authorized or entitled to perform thereunder; or
 - (c) any person performing any such service under the authority and supervision of any other person so registered or licensed if permitted or authorized by such Act.
- (3) Nothing in this Act shall prevent –
- (a) any person from giving necessary medical or surgical aid in cases of urgent need without hire, gain or hope of reward;
 - (b) the domestic administration of family remedies.

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(4) Any person who contravenes this section is able on summary conviction to a fine of three thousand dollars and to imprisonment for one year.

(5) In any prosecutions under this Act it shall be sufficient proof of an offence under this section if it is proved that the accused has done or committed a single act of unauthorized practice or had committed on one occasion any of the acts prohibited hereunder.

Discipline

24. (1) Where any member of the Board or any holder of a temporary licence has either before or after he is registered or licensed under this Act been convicted either in the Commonwealth or elsewhere of an offence which, if committed in Trinidad and Tobago, would be punishable on indictment, or is guilty of infamous or disgraceful conduct in a professional respect, such practitioner shall be liable to be dealt with in the manner hereinafter provided.

(2) The Council may, and upon the application of any four members of the Board shall, cause enquiry to be made into the case of a person liable to be dealt with as in this section provided, and on proof of such conviction or of such infamous or disgraceful conduct may –

- (a) censure or reprimand the medical practitioner concerned;
- (b) suspend the medical practitioner concerned for a period not exceeding two years; or
- (c) cause the name of such practitioner to be erased from the Register or his temporary licence to be revoked, as the case may be,

except that this subsection shall not apply in respect of a medical practitioner adopting or refraining from adopting the practice of any particular theory of medicine or research, nor on account of a conviction for a political offence outside the Commonwealth, nor on account of a conviction for an offence which though within the provisions of this section ought not, in the opinion of the Council, either from the trivial nature of the offence, or from the circumstances under which it was committed, to disqualify a person from practicing medicine or surgery.

(3) If the Council finds, after due enquiry, that a medical practitioner is suffering from a physical or mental condition that might, if he continues to practise, constitute a danger to the public

or to a patient, the Council may suspend the member from practicing until such time as in the opinion of the Council such member is able to resume practice.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), if the Council considers that there are reasons or circumstances which render such a course expedient, the Council may, at any time before making an order, suspend the proceedings of the enquiry for a period not exceeding six months, during which the medical practitioner is entitled to practise; and at the end of such period the Council may either direct that the proceedings shall be discontinued or make such order as it shall deem proper.

(5) Without restricting the generality of subsections (1) and (2), every medical practitioner shall be deemed guilty of infamous or disgraceful conduct who –

- (a) willfully betrays a professional confidence;
- (b) abandons a patient in danger without sufficient cause, and without giving him an opportunity to retain the services of another medical practitioner;
- (c) knowingly gives a false certificate respecting birth, death, notice of disease, state of health, vaccination or disinfections or respecting any matter relating to life, health, or accident insurance;
- (d) divides with another person, who is not a partner, any fees or profits resulting from consultations or surgical operations, without the patient's knowledge and consent;
- (e) is addicted to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors or the excessive or habitual use of opiates or narcotics;
- (f) impersonates another medical practitioners;
- (g) employs in connection with his professional practice an assistant who is not registered or licensed under this Act, or permits a person who is not registered or licensed under this Act to attend or treat patients or to perform operations upon patients in respect of matters requiring professional discretion or skill, or by his presence or advice, assistance or co-operation, enables any such person, whether acting as an assistant or otherwise, to attend or treat any person for any ailment or to perform any operation upon a patient in respect of any matter requiring professional discretion or skill, or holds out a person

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- who is not registered or licensed under this Act as a person qualified to practise surgery, medicine or obstetrics in Trinidad and Tobago;
- (h) directly or indirectly holds himself out to the public as a specialist or as being specially qualified in any particular branch of medicine and who has not taken a special course in such branch and received a certificate of speciality therein which is recognized by the Council;
- (i) does or fail to do any act or thing, the doing of which or the failure to do which the Council considers to be unprofessional or discreditable.

Validity of
medical
certificates

25. No certificate required to be given pursuant to any Act by any physician, surgeon, or licentiate in medicine or surgery, shall be valid unless the person giving the same is a member of the Board or is the holder of a temporary licence.

Recovery of
fees and costs of
medicines
supplied

26. (1) A member of the Board or the holder of a temporary licence is entitled to demand and recover in any Court, with full cost of suit, his reasonable charges for professional aid, advice and visits, and the price of any medicine or medical or surgical appliance rendered or supplied by him to his patients.

(2) No person claiming to be, or describing himself as, or acting in the capacity of, a physician or surgeon shall be allowed to recover in any Court any fees or charges for services or for drugs or medicines, supplied unless he is a member of the Board or is the holder of a temporary licence.

Limitation of
actions.

27. No member of the Board or holder of a temporary licence shall be liable to any action for negligence or malpractice in respect of professional services requested or rendered unless such action is commenced within one year from the date when such professional services terminated.

Employment of
assessors and
assistants

28. A committee appointed by the Council under this Act may, for the purpose of the execution of its duties, employ at the expense of the Board, such legal or other assessors or assistants as the committee may think necessary or proper.

Appeal against refusal
to register, erasure from
register, suspension, etc.

29. Any person aggrieved by the refusal of the Council to grant registration or temporary licence to him, or by the erasure of his name from the Register, or by an order for his suspension under

section 24(2)(b) or by the revocation or suspension of his licence, may, within three months after the date on which notice is given to him by the Council of such refusal, revocation or suspension, appeal against the Council's decision to a Judge in Chambers who shall give such directions in the matter as he may think proper, including a direction as to the costs of the appeal.

30. Any person who commits an offence under this Act for which no specific penalty is provided is liable to a penalty of seven hundred and fifty dollars, and in case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of thirty dollars for each day during which such offence is continued after written notice thereof from the Council.

Penalties

31. No conviction shall take place in respect of any prosecution for any offence against this Act unless the prosecution has been authorised in writing by the Council under the hand of the Secretary-Treasurer or by the Director of Public Prosecutions; and any authority purporting to be signed by the Secretary-Treasurer shall be received as *prima facie* evidence of the authorisation.

Authorisation
to prosecute
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32. In the prosecution of any person for any offence committed against this Act, the Council may, if it sees fit, employ or instruct any barrister or solicitor to appear and prosecute in respect of any such offence, and to apply any part of the funds of the Board towards the payment and remuneration of the barrister or the solicitor.

Retention of
services of
barrister or
solicitors

33. All penalties incurred under this Act or under any regulation, may be recovered on summary conviction before a Magistrate, who may also award costs.

Recovers of
penalties

34. Any sum or sums of money arising from conviction and recovery of penalties imposed by this Act or by any regulation, shall be paid to the Magistrate who shall pay the amount recovered to the Secretary-Treasurer for the use of the Board.

Fines for use of
Board

35. The funds or moneys belonging or payable to and collected by the Board under and by virtue of this Act may be applied towards the payment of all expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Act and of all matters incidental thereto.

Funds of Board
to the used for
purpose of
Act.

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*PART II

DENTISTS

“Committee”
defined.
[24 of 1961].

Dental
Registration
Committee.
[24 of 1961]

36. In this Part, “Committee” means the Dental Registration Committee established under this Part.

37. (1) There is hereby established a Dental Registration Committee which shall consist of –
(a) the Chief Medical Officer or his nominee, who shall be chairman of the Committee;
(b) three members of the Council to be nominated by the Council; and
(c) three dentists to be nominated by the dentists registered under this Part.

(2) Pending the nomination by the dentists registered under this Part, three dentists shall be nominated to the Committee by the Dental Association and they shall hold office until three dentists are nominated by the dentists registered under this Part.

Registration of
dentists.
[24 of 1961]
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38. Any person who shows to the satisfaction of the Committee that he is of good character, and –

(a) holds any diploma or licence from any university, college, or incorporated society in the United Kingdom or Eire having authority to grant the same, and that he is by law entitled to practise dental surgery or dentistry in the United Kingdom or Eire; or
(b) holds a certificate from a Commonwealth country or foreign country recognized for the time being by the committee as furnishing a sufficient guarantee of the possession of the requisite knowledge and skill for the efficiency practise of dental surgery or dentistry, shall on application to the Committee and on payment of a fee of fifty dollars, be entitled to be registered as a dentist.

Existing
Registrations.
[24 of 1961].
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(1950 Ed.).

39. A person who on the commencement of this Part (that is, 21st September 1961) was registered under Part III of the former Ordinance shall be deemed to be registered under this Part.

• Came into operation on 21st September 1961 (see 121/1961).

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40. No person shall be entitled to take or use the name or title of dentist (either alone or in combination with any other word or words), of dental practitioner, or any name, title, addition, or description, implying that he is registered under this Part, or that he is a person specially qualified to practise dentistry unless he is registered under this Part.

Title of dentist
reserved.
[24 of 1961]

41. Any person, not being registered under this Part, who -
(a) takes or uses any such name, title, addition, or description as aforesaid, or any addition to a name, designation, or description, whether expressed in words, or by letters or partly in words and partly in letters; or
(b) practices dentistry, or dental surgery, or performs any dental operation in respect of which he shall demand or receive any fee or gratuity,
is liable to a fine of three hundred dollars.

Penalty
[24 of 1961]

42. No person claiming to be, or describing himself as, or acting in the capacity of, a dentist shall be allowed to recover in any court any fees or charges for services or for drugs or medicine supplied unless he satisfies the court that he is duly registered under this Part.

Recovering
dental fees
[24 of 1961]

43. No conviction shall take place in respect of any prosecution for an offence against this Part unless the prosecution has been authorized in writing by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Prosecutions
under this Part
[24 of 1961
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44. A person who is registered under this Part shall not be deemed to be registered or to have been admitted to registration under this Act for the purposes of Part I of this Act.

Medical
practice by
dentists
[24 of 1961].

• Repeated by 8/1962 (post independence).

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MEDICAL BOARD (FEES) REGULATIONS

made under section 20(1)(d)

Citation and
Commencement

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Medical Board (Fees) Regulations.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st January 1967.

Fees

2. (1) There shall be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer the fees specified in the second column of the following Table in respect of the matters set out in the first column thereof –

TABLE					
<i>First column</i>					<i>Second column</i>
Registration as member of the Board					\$50.00
Registration of intern					25.00
Registration of intern as member of the Board					25.00
Registration of holder of temporary licence					25.00
Registration of holder of temporary licence as member of the Board					25.00
Annual retention fee – member of the Board and holder of a licence					10.00
Fine for non-payment of annual retention fee					5.00
Registration of each additional diploma					5.00
Examination of holder of temporary licence					150.00

(2) The annual retention fee may be paid at the office of the Medical Board, Port of Spain or any other place designated by the Board on or before 31st December in each year preceding the year for which it become payable.

(3) The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify by post each member who annual retention fee has not been paid for the following year.

(4) The annual retention fee may be paid in advance for any number of years but payments made in advance in respect of the annual retention fee are not recoverable.

(5) When an annual retention fee is paid, the member or holder of a licence shall receive a certificate of good standing.

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Medical Board
Regulations.

Citation.

2. The Common Seal of the Board shall have engraved
thereon *Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago* and shall repre-
sent the arms of Trinidad and Tobago with the figure of the
AEsculapius in the foreground.

Common Seal.

3. All licences and certificates issued by the authority of the
Board shall be stamped with the Seal of the Board.

Issuing of

Licences and

certificates.

4. Any person applying for registration as a member of the
Board shall appear in person at a meeting of the Council and
present for inspection all necessary documents.

Applying for

registration

▪ These Regulations are the Bye-Laws made under section 34 of the Medical Board
Ordinance Ch. 12 No. 2 (1050 ED.) (now repealed) and which by virtue of section 29(3)
of the Interpretation Act (Chap. 3:01) continue in force.

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20 **Chap. 29:50**
[Subsidiary]

Medical Board
Medical Board Regulations

The Council may exempt any person from attendance if he produces satisfactory reasons for the exemption.

Lost or
destroyed
licence.
[51/1980].
Annual general
meeting.

5. When a licence has been proved to have been lost or destroyed, a certificate or registration may be issued on the authority of the Council on the payment of a fee of five dollars.

6. An annual General Meeting of the Board shall take place not later than the 15th March in each year. At the meeting the statement of accounts and the report of the work of the Council for the year shall be submitted to the Board. Any other business of which at least three days' notice have been given shall also be considered at the meeting.

Communications.

7. All communications shall be directed through the Secretary-Treasurer.

Registration of
licences.

8. The registration of all licences shall be date and signed by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Minute book,
Register.

9. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the Minute Book and Register.

Moneys
payable to
Board.

10. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all the moneys payable to the Board and shall lodge all such moneys in a Bank to the credit of an account to be entitled the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

Payments.

11. The Secretary-Treasurer shall when practicable make all payments above the sum of ten dollars by cheque, such cheques to be signed by him and countersigned by the President.

Book keeping.

12. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a book in which shall be entered the receipts and payments of the Board.

Balance sheet
and
expenditure.

13. The Secretary-Treasurer shall annually, in January, submit to the Council for presentation to the Board a Balance-sheet of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Board, and a statement of the work of the Council during the year.

Convening
Meetings of
Council.

14. The Secretary-Treasurer shall at the request of the President convene all meeting of the Council for such time and at such place and with such object as may be specified by the President.

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15. The Secretary-Treasurer shall at the request of the President, or on a requisition on writing signed by at least four members of the Board, summon all such meetings of the Board as he may be required to summon as aforesaid. At least three days' notice shall be given of all such meetings.

Summons
meetings of
Board.

16. The British Pharmacopeia shall be the official Pharmacopeia of the Medical Board. The Board may by resolution adopt any new edition of the above-named Pharmacopeia or any addendum thereto, put forward by the authority of the General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom.

British
Pharmacopeia

17. The following fee shall be paid by the Board to the Officer hereunder mentioned for services.

Fee for services
[51/1980]

The Secretary-Treasurer: Annual Honorarium \$500.

18. The Council may from time to time place at interest or invest in the purchase of such securities as may be approved by the Minister any portion of the funds of the Board not immediately required for the purposes of the Board.

Investment of
funds.
[78/1956]

19. A person who is guilty of a breach of any of these regulations is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of \$200.

Penalty

20. Every person now on the Register, and every other person at the time of registration, shall be supplied with a copy of the Regulations of the Board.

Copy of
Regulations.