

Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago Resolutions adopted at 2022 AGM

RESOLUTION 1:

RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED FOR TEMPORARY REGISTRATION: ONE-YEAR LIMITED

CANDIDATES WHO ARE GRADUATES FROM A MEDICAL SCHOOL NOT LISTED IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION LIST OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS BUT WHOSE SCHOOL IS RECOGNISED BY THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND HAVE COMPLETED ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES MEDICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION, MEDICAL COUNCIL OF CANADA QUALIFYING EXAMINATION, AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL OR CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL COUNCIL EXAMINATIONS AND AN APPROVED INTERNSHIP PERIOD.

Whereas, candidates who graduated from medical schools which were not listed in the World Health Organization list of medical schools but whose school is recognized by the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago and completed all parts of the United States Medical Licensing Examination, Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination, Australian Medical Council or Caribbean Association of Medical Council examinations and are eligible for Full Registration, the Council recognized that there was a need to assess these candidates fitness to practice medicine in our local jurisdiction with respect to cultural differences and effective communication through a period of Temporary Registration for one year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be adopted on 14th September 2022, as constituting the policy guidelines of the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

- Candidates who are graduates of a medical school not listed in the World Health Organization list of medical schools, but whose school is recognized by the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago and have completed all parts of the United States Medical Licensing Examination, Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination, Australian Medical Council or Caribbean Association of Medical Council examinations and an approved internship period, would be required to complete one year of Temporary Registration before applying for Full Registration with the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

RESOLUTION 2:

RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED FOR TEMPORARY REGISTRATION: THREE-MONTHS

CANDIDATES WHO ARE CITIZENS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND ARE GRADUATES FROM A MEDICAL INSTITUTION OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES BUT WHOSE SCHOOL IS RECOGNISED BY THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND WHO HAVE COMPLETED ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES MEDICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION, MEDICAL COUNCIL OF CANADA QUALIFYING EXAMINATION, AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL OR CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL COUNCIL EXAMINATIONS AND AN APPROVED INTERNSHIP PERIOD.

Whereas citizens of Trinidad and Tobago who are graduates of a medical school other than the University of the West Indies, and whose school is recognized by the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago and have completed all parts of the United States Medical Licensing Examination, Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination, Australian Medical Council or Caribbean Association of Medical Council examinations and an approved period of internship,

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are eligible for Full Registration, the Council recognized that these candidates are already familiar with the cultural differences and communication styles of our setting but would benefit from a period of supervised adjustment to the local health care system as part of the candidates assessment to practice medicine in our jurisdiction.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be adopted on 14th September 2022, as constituting the policy guidelines of the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

- Candidates who are citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, who are graduates of a medical school other than the University of the West Indies, and whose school is recognized by the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago and have completed all parts of the United States Medical Licensing Examination, Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination, Australian Medical Council or Caribbean Association of Medical Council examinations and an approved internship period, would be required to complete three months of Temporary Registration before applying for Full Registration with the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

RESOLUTION 3:

RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE M.B.B.S. DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, ALL CAMPUSES INCLUDING BAHAMAS AS AN ACCEPTABLE DIPLOMA FOR TEMPORARY REGISTRATION.

Whereas from January 1st, 2004, graduates from the University of the West Indies were now required to complete all parts of the United Kingdom's General Medical Council's Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board Test for registration with the General Medical Council, meant that these graduates could no longer be registered with the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago under Section 12 of the Medical Board Act Chapter 29: 50, Act 35, 1960.

Section 13 of said Act provides for Full Registration after a period of Temporary Registration. Section 13 of the Act also provides for the Council to determine the acceptability of medical diplomas for the purpose of Temporary Registration. The Council seeks to recognize the M.B.,B.S. medical diploma issued by the University of the West Indies, all campuses including Bahamas, as an acceptable medical diploma for Temporary Registration.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be adopted on 14th September 2022, as constituting the policy guidelines of the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

- The M.B.,B.S. medical diploma issued by the University of the West Indies, all campuses including Bahamas, is an acceptable medical diploma for Temporary Registration.

RESOLUTION 4:

RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED FOR TEMPORARY REGISTRATION: ONE-MONTH.

GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, ALL CAMPUSES INCLUDING BAHAMAS

Whereas from January 1st, 2004, graduates from the University of the West Indies were now required to complete all parts of the United Kingdom's General Medical Council's Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board Test for registration with the General Medical Council, meant

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that these graduates could no longer be registered with the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago under Section 12 of the Medical Board Act Chapter 29: 50, Act 35, 1960. Section 13 of said Act provides for Full Registration after a period of Temporary Registration and gives the Council the authority to determine the time of Temporary Registration. The Council recognized that graduates of the University of the West-Indies, all campuses including the Bahamas, were traditionally granted Full Registration, and have sought to maintain this precedent while complying with the Medical Board Act under Section 13. In this respect, the Council seeks to grant Full Registration to all candidates of the University of the West-Indies, all campuses including the Bahamas, after a period of one-month Temporary Registration.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be adopted on 14th September 2022, as constituting the policy guidelines of the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

- Graduates of the University of the West Indies, medical faculty, all campuses including Bahamas, having completed an approved period of internship, would be granted one-month Temporary Registration before being approved for Full Registration.

RESOLUTION 5:

A RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE RATIFICATION OF FULL REGISTRATION STATUS OF ALL UWI GRADUATES FROM ALL CAMPUSES INCLUDING BAHAMAS REGISTERED WITH THE MEDICAL BOARD OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FROM JANUARY 1ST 2004 TO SEPTEMBER 14TH 2022.

Whereas from January 1st, 2004, graduates from the University of the West Indies were now required to complete all parts of the United Kingdom's General Medical Council's Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board Test for registration with the General Medical Council, meant that these graduates could no longer be registered with the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago under Section 12 of the Medical Board Act Chapter 29: 50, Act 35, 1960. Section 13 of said Act provides for Full Registration after a period of Temporary Registration. Section 13 of the Act also provides for the Council to determine the acceptability of medical diplomas for the purpose of Temporary Registration. The Council recognizes that M.B.,B.S. graduates from the University of the West Indies, continued to be granted Full Registration after a period of approved internship even after the amendment to GMC registration requirements of December 31st, 2003. The Council seeks to regularize the registration status of all University of the West Indies graduates who were inadvertently granted Full Registration after January 1st, 2004, under Section 12 of the Medical Board Act Chapter 29:50.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be adopted on 14th September 2022, as constituting the policy guidelines of the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

- All medical graduates of any campus of the University of the West-Indies including the Bahamas, who were granted Full Registration with the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago between the period January 1st 2004 and September 14th 2022, who would have had to satisfy the requirement of a period of Temporary Registration under Section 13 of the Medical Board Act of Trinidad and Tobago, would now have that requirement waived and have their Full Registration status recognized by the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

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RESOLUTION 6:

A RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE ADDITION OF A HEALTH SCREENING QUESTION TO THE FITNESS TO PRACTICE ASSESSMENT FOR NEW APPLICANTS.

Whereas Section 12 of the Medical Board Act Chapter 29:50 makes provision for Full Registration of a candidate who is registered with the GMC-UK or registrable with the GMC-UK. One of the criteria for registration with the GMC-UK is the completion of a Fitness to Practice questionnaire. The Fitness to Practice questionnaire has two areas which are enquired about, the first is the candidate's health condition, the second is their professional performance. The MBTT currently has five screening questions that ask about the candidate's fitness to practice on the application for Full Registration. The GMC-UK fitness to practice form varies in one category that is not addressed in the application form of the MBTT and this is with respect to the candidate's health and its impact on the candidate's fitness to practice. The Council seeks to add a health screening question to the MBTT's application form which would serve to align both the GMC-UK and MBTT fitness to practice screening tools.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be adopted on 14th September 2022, as constituting the policy guidelines of the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

- All application forms for registration with the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago should now include the following question as a health screening tool:
 - a. Do you have a health condition that may impact on the safe performance of your duties as a medical doctor?
 - b. If your answer is yes or you are unsure, please provide a medical report from a specialist in the relevant field of medicine.