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1979 No. 920 (C. 24)

MEDICAL PROFESSION

The Medical Act 1978 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1979

Made - - - - - *26th July 1979*

At the Court of Saint James, the 26th day of July 1979

Present,

The Counsellors of State in Council

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 16th day of July 1979, to delegate to the six Counsellors of State therein named or any two or more of them full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and His Royal Highness The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by section 32(2) of the Medical Act 1978(a) and of all other powers enabling Her Majesty, and by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, do on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Medical Act 1978 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1979.

Appointed day

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of any provision of the Medical Act 1978 specified in column (1) of the Schedule to this Order, which relate to the matters specified in column (2) thereof, shall be 27th September 1979.

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

Article 2

SCHEDULE

(1) Medical Act 1978	(2) Subject matter of provisions
Section 1(13) and (14)	Constitution of the General Council
Section 3	Constitution of branch councils
Section 5	Advice on professional conduct or medical ethics
Section 15	The Education Committee
Section 16	Experience requirement for full registration
Section 31(1) so far as it relates to the paragraphs of Schedule 6 specified below	Minor and consequential amendments
Section 31(2) so far as it relates to the entries in Schedule 7 specified below	Repeals
Section 31(3)	Continuation in force of standing orders
Schedule 1	Supplementary provisions relating to the General Council and branch councils
Schedule 6(a):— Paragraphs 1; 2; 3; 5; 6; 7; 8 to 12; 14; 19; 37; 48(a); 49 insofar as it relates to the definition of “appointed member”, “elected member” and “the General Council”; 56 and 59.	Minor and consequential amendments
Schedule 7, the entries relating to— The Medical Act 1956, sections 1 to 6; 9(1) and (5); 10(1) and (7); 15(4) and (5); 28(1)(b) and (3); 30; 40; 49(1); 54(1); 57(6), (11) and (12) and Schedule 1.	Repeals
The Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, Schedule 6, paragraphs 18 and 19.	Repeals
The Medical Act 1969, sections 8(3)(b); 10(7); 17; 18(1) and (3); Schedule 1 paragraphs 9 to 12 and Schedule 3 paragraphs 1, 4 and 9.	Repeals

(a) Schedule 6 was amended by S.I. 1979/289.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into force further provisions of the Medical Act 1978 set out in the Schedule to the Order. In the main the provisions relate to the constitution of the General Medical Council and its branch councils as well as to the new Education Committee, and they come into operation on 27th September 1979, the day on which the members of the reconstituted General Medical Council are to take office.

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