
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 1630

MEDICAL PROFESSION

**The General Medical Council
(Constitution) Amendment Order 1996**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>26th June 1996</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>8th July 1996</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>		
<i>Article 3</i>		<i>31st October 1996</i>
<i>Remainder</i>		<i>1st November 1996</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 26th day of June 1996

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 1(2) of, and paragraphs 3(1) and (3) and 5 of Schedule 1 to, the Medical Act 1983⁽¹⁾, and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, in pursuance of a representation made to Her Privy Council by the General Medical Council⁽²⁾, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the General Medical Council (Constitution) Amendment Order 1996 and shall come into force on 1st November 1996 (apart from Article 3 which shall come into force on 31st October 1996).

(2) In this Order, “the Constitution Order” means the General Medical Council (Constitution) Order 1979⁽³⁾.

Amendment of the Constitution Order

2.—(1) The Constitution Order is amended as follows.

(1) 1983 c. 54.

(2) See paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Medical Act 1983.

(3) S.I.1979/112, amended by S.I. 1987/457 and 1989/496.

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- (2) In article 2 (constitution of the General Council)—
- (a) in paragraph (b), for “35” substitute “25”; and
 - (b) in paragraph (c), for “13” substitute “25”.
- (3) In article 5 (universities and other bodies empowered to choose appointed members), for paragraph (2) substitute—
- “(2) Each university or other body listed in one of the groups in column 1 of the Schedule to this Order is designated as an appointing body and shall, in combination with each other university or body so listed in that group, choose the number of appointed members listed against that group in column 2 of that Schedule.”.
- (4) For the Schedule, substitute—

“SCHEDULE

Article 5.

UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER BODIES
EMPOWERED TO CHOOSE APPOINTED MEMBERS

Column 1 Appointing Bodies	Column 2 Number of Members to be Appointed
Group 1	15
University of Aberdeen	
The Queen’s University of Belfast	
University of Birmingham	
University of Bristol	
University of Cambridge	
University of Dundee	
University of Edinburgh	
University of Glasgow	
University of Leeds	
University of Leicester	
University of Liverpool	
University of London	
University of Manchester	
University of Newcastle upon Tyne	
University of Nottingham	
University of Oxford	
University of Sheffield	
University of Southampton	
University of Wales	
Society of Apothecaries of London	
Group 2	10

Column 1 Appointing Bodies	Column 2 Number of Members to be Appointed
Royal College of Anaesthetists	
Royal College of General Practitioners	
Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	
Royal College of Ophthalmologists	
Royal College of Pathologists	
Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh	
Royal College of Physicians of London	
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	
Royal College of Psychiatrists	
Royal College of Radiologists	
Royal College of Surgeons of England	
Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh	
Faculty of Occupational Medicine	
Faculty of Public Health Medicine”	

Termination of office of existing appointed members

3. Subject to article 4(2) of the Constitution Order, appointed members of the General Council holding office on 31st October 1996 shall cease to hold office at the end of that day.

N. H. Nicholls
Clerk of the Privy Council

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, made under the Medical Act 1983, amends the General Medical Council (Constitution) Order 1979 (referred to in this Order as the “Constitution Order”).

Article 2(2) of this Order provides for the number of appointed members of the General Medical Council to be reduced from 35 to 25, and for the maximum number of nominated members to be increased from 13 to 25, with effect from 1st November 1996.

By Article 2(3) and (4), the arrangements for appointing the appointed members are also altered: from 1st November 1996, the two groups of appointing bodies set out in the Schedule to the Constitution Order, as substituted by this Order, will respectively appoint 15 and 10 members (before that date each appointing body appointed one member, apart from the University of London, which appointed three).

Article 3 provides that all the appointed members holding office on 31st October 1996 cease to hold office at the end of that day.