
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**HEALTH CARE AND
ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS**

DOCTORS

The Medical Act 1983 (Qualifying Examinations) Order 2008

Made - - - - *9th April 2008*

Coming into force - - *14th May 2008*

This Order in Council is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(2) of the Medical Act 1983(1).

It appears to the Education Committee of the General Medical Council that the standard of proficiency required from candidates at examinations held or to be held for the purpose of granting one or more primary United Kingdom qualifications(2) by the following universities and combinations of universities does or will conform to the prescribed standard of proficiency(3): the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine; a combination of the University of Brighton and the University of Sussex; and a combination of the University of Hull and the University of York.

In accordance with section 8(1) of that Act, the Education Committee has represented to the Privy Council that it is expedient that those examinations should become qualifying examinations for the purposes of Part 2 of that Act.

Accordingly, and giving effect to those representations, Her Majesty is pleased to make the following Order in Council by and with the advice of Her Privy Council.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Medical Act 1983 (Qualifying Examinations) Order 2008 and comes into force on 14th May 2008.

(1) 1983 c.54.

(2) See section 4(3) of the Medical Act 1983, as amended by section 1 of the Medical Qualifications (Amendment) Act 1991 (c.38), which contains the relevant definition of “primary United Kingdom qualification”.

(3) See section 5(4) of the Medical Act 1983, as amended by S.I. 2006/1914 and 2007/3101, which contains the relevant definition of “the prescribed standard of proficiency”.

Addition of new bodies to the list of bodies entitled to hold qualifying examinations

2. In section 4 of the Medical Act 1983 (qualifying examinations and primary United Kingdom qualifications), in subsection (2)(4), after paragraph (ae) insert—

- “(af) the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine;
- (ag) a combination of the University of Brighton and the University of Sussex;
- (ah) a combination of the University of Hull and the University of York;”.

Judith Simpson
Clerk of the Privy Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends section 4(2) of the Medical Act 1983 by adding to the list of bodies or combinations of bodies that may hold qualifying examinations for primary United Kingdom qualifications the following: the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine; a combination of the universities of Brighton and Sussex (which is known as the Brighton and Sussex Medical School); and a combination of the universities of Hull and York (which is known as the Hull York Medical School). Obtaining a primary United Kingdom qualification allows a person to be provisionally registered as a medical practitioner, provided that the person's fitness to practise is not impaired and the appropriate fees have been paid.