



Medical Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 54

PART I

PRELIMINARY

The General Medical Council

1 The General Medical Council.

(1) There shall continue to be a body corporate known as the General Medical Council (in this Act referred to as “the General Council”) having the functions assigned to them by this Act.

[^{F1}(1A) The over-arching objective of the General Council in exercising their functions is the protection of the public.

(1B) The pursuit by the General Council of their over-arching objective involves the pursuit of the following objectives—

- (a) to protect, promote and maintain the health, safety and well-being of the public,
- (b) to promote and maintain public confidence in the medical profession, and
- (c) to promote and maintain proper professional standards and conduct for members of that profession.]

[^{F2}(2) The General Council shall be constituted as provided for by order of the Privy Council, subject to Part 1 of Schedule 1 to this Act.]

[^{F3}(3) The General Council shall have the following committees—

- ^{F4}(a)
- ^{F5}(b)
- (c) one or more [^{F6}Registration Panels],
- (d) one or more Registration Appeals Panels,
- (e) the Investigation Committee,

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- ^{F5}(f)
- [^{F7}(g) the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (“the MPTS”),]
- [^{F8}(h) one or more Medical Practitioners Tribunals,
- (i) one or more Interim Orders Tribunals,]

constituted in accordance with Part III of Schedule 1 to this Act and having the functions assigned to them by or under this Act.

(3A) The committees of the General Council specified in ^{F9}...subsection (3) above are referred to in this Act as “the statutory committees”.]

(4) Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect with respect to the General Council, its branch councils and committees, its proceedings, its officers and its accounts.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1(1A)(1B) substituted for s. 1(1A) (3.8.2015) by The General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise and Over-arching Objective) and the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (References to Court) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/794), arts. 1(3), **21(1)** (with art. 1(4)); S.I. 2015/1579, art. 2(1)
- F2** S. 1(2) substituted (1.1.2009) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1774), art. 1(5), **Sch. 1 para. 1**; S.I. 2008/2556, art. 2(2)(a)(i)
- F3** S. 1(3)(3A) substituted for s. 1(3) (1.11.2004 as notified in the London Gazette dated 8.10.2004) by The Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/3135), arts. 1(2)(3), **5(2)** (with Sch. 2)
- F4** S. 1(3)(a) omitted (1.1.2009) by virtue of The Medical Profession (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/3131), art. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 1(a)**
- F5** S. 1(3)(b)(f) omitted (31.12.2015) by virtue of The General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise and Over-arching Objective) and the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (References to Court) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/794), arts. 1(3), **3(1)(a)**; S.I. 2015/1952, art. 2(b)
- F6** Words in s. 1(3)(c) substituted (19.7.2006 for specified purposes, 19.10.2007 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette dated 20.7.2007) by The Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1914), art. 1(2)(b)(c)(3), **3(1)(a)**
- F7** S. 1(3)(g) inserted (31.12.2015) by The General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise and Over-arching Objective) and the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (References to Court) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/794), arts. 1(3), **2(1)**; S.I. 2015/1952, art. 2(a)
- F8** S. 1(3)(h)(i) inserted (31.12.2015) by The General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise and Over-arching Objective) and the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (References to Court) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/794), arts. 1(3), **3(1)(b)**; S.I. 2015/1952, art. 2(b)
- F9** Words in s. 1(3A) omitted (31.12.2015) by virtue of The General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise and Over-arching Objective) and the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (References to Court) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/794), arts. 1(3), **2(2)**; S.I. 2015/1952, art. 2(a)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 1(3)(b) repealed by 2008 c. 14 Sch. 7 para. 2(2)Sch. 15 Pt. 2
- s. 1(3)(f) repealed by 2008 c. 14 Sch. 7 para. 2(2)Sch. 15 Pt. 2
- s. 1(3A) words substituted by 2008 c. 14 Sch. 7 para. 2(3)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act words substituted by 2005 c. 4 Sch. 11 para. 6

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 29B(2A)-(2C) inserted by S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 9(2)
- s. 29B(2A)(a) word substituted by S.I. 2010/234 Sch. 1 para. 2
- s. 29B(3A) inserted by S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 9(3)
- s. 29E(1)(d)(e) inserted by S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 12(2)(b)
- s. 29E(2)(e)(f) inserted by S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 12(3)(b)
- s. 29F(1)(d)(e) inserted by S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 14(3)
- s. 35C(2)(f)(g) inserted by S.I. 2008/1774 Sch. 1 para. 15 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. It was due to come into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47), see art. 1(4). S. 44(1) was repealed without ever being in force on 10.9.2012 by 2012 c. 9, s. 75(6), Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2)
- s. 35ZA inserted by 2008 c. 14 Sch. 7 para. 4
- Sch. 3B para. 5(d)(e) inserted by S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 19(2)(b)
- Sch. 3B para. 6(1)(d)(e) inserted by S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 19(3)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 3B para. 6(2)(d)(e) inserted by S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 19(3)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 3B para. 7(1)(d)(e) inserted by S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 19(4)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 3B para. 7(2)(c) and word inserted by S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 19(4)(b)(ii)