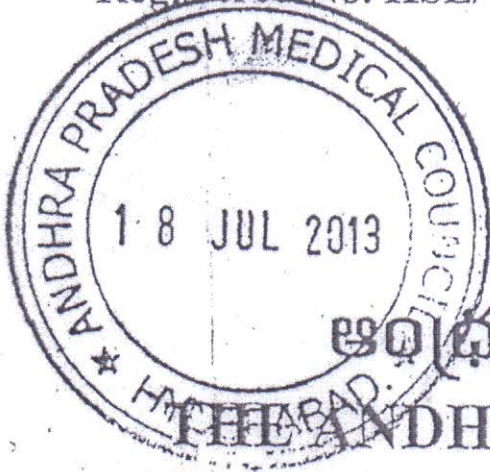


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**ANDHRA PRADESH ACTS, ORDINANCES AND
REGULATIONS Etc.**

The following Act of the Andhra Pradesh Legislature received the assent of the Governor on the 5th July, 2013 and the said assent is here by first published on the 9th July, 2013 in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette for general information:-

ACT No. 10 OF 2013.

**AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND THE ANDHRA
PRADESH MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS
REGISTRATION ACT, 1968**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Andhra Pradesh in the Sixty fourth year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Andhra Pradesh Medical Practitioners Registration (Amendment) Act, 2013.

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(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification, appoint.

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(Act 23 of
1968.)

2. In the Andhra Pradesh Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1968 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 2,-

(1) after clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely,-

“(cc) “CME” means a continued medical education programme or recognized medical conference or seminar or workshop as may be approved or conducted by the Council in the State headquarters or regional headquarters or district headquarters or teaching hospitals or medical colleges or any institution run by the Andhra Pradesh Vaidya Vidhana Parishad.”;

(2) after clause (d), the following clause shall be inserted, namely,--

“(dd) “Junior Resident” means a candidate after completion of rotating internship and posted for rural medical service in any ‘Public Health Centre or community health centre’ either independently or under the supervision of a Senior Medical Officer in rural area or tribal area.”;

(3) after clause (g), the following clause shall be added, namely,--

“(gg) “Public Health Centre” means a primary health centre, community health centre or any such other Government institution in which the methods of treatment approved by the Council within the meaning of clause (f)

of section 2 of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 are carried on and such institution situated in rural area or tribal area, but excluding an institution situated in any municipal or other urban area;"

(4) after clause (i), the following clause shall be added, namely,--

"(ii) 'Rural Medical Service' means service rendered in any 'public health centre' or 'community health centre' either independently or under the supervision of a Senior Medical Officer in rural area or tribal area;"

3. In section 3, in sub-section (2) of the principal Act,--

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(i) in clause (b), for the words "seven members", the words "thirteen members" shall be substituted;

(ii) in clause (c), for the words "four members", the words "six members" shall be substituted;

(iii) for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:--

"(d) The Director of Medical Education, the Director of Health and Family Welfare, the Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vaidya Vidhana Parishad and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, A.P., and any other officer to be nominated by the Government, ex-officio."

4. In section 15, in sub-section (1), after the proviso, the following shall be added, namely:--

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15.

"Provided further that an applicant for Registration, from such date as may be notified by the Government in

this behalf, shall produce proper evidence to the effect that he or she has completed one year of Rural Medical Service in the manner prescribed thereof.

Explanation - 1:- For the purpose of sub-section (1) of this section, an applicant for registration means, a person who holds recognized medical qualification and underwent such practical training in any approved institution in the State.

Explanation - 2:- The condition laid down in second proviso to sub-section (1) of this section shall also apply to the persons who have not undergone Rural Medical Service outside the State of Andhra Pradesh."

Insertion
of
sections
15A,
15AA,
15B, 15C
and 15D.

Central
Act 102
of 1956.

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Act 102
of 1956.

5. After section 15, the following new sections shall be inserted, namely:-

"15A. (1) A citizen of India possessing a medical qualification granted by a medical institution outside India included in Part-II of the Third Schedule to Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, who is required to undergo practical training in an approved institution shall be entitled to be registered provisionally in the Andhra Pradesh Medical Register and shall be entitled to practice medicine in any approved institution for the purpose of such training and not for other purpose.

(2) Every person who holds any of the Medical Qualifications included in the FIRST Schedule to the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 may apply to the Registrar giving correct description of his qualification with the date on which the same was granted and present his pass certificate along with such fee as may be prescribed by the Council in this

behalf, shall be entitled for the grant of Provisional Medical registration, for the purpose of enabling him to be engaged in employment in a resident medical capacity in any approved institution or in the Medical Service of the Armed Forces of the Union.

(3) The names of all persons provisionally registered under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) in the Andhra Pradesh Medical Register shall be entered therein separately from the names of other persons registered therein.

(4) A person registered provisionally as aforesaid who has completed practical training referred to in sub-section (1) or who has been engaged for the prescribed period in employment in a resident medical capacity in any approved institution or in the Medical Service of the Armed Forces of the Union, as the case may be, subject to the conditions laid down in Second Proviso to sub-section (1) of section 15 shall be entitled for registration in the Andhra Pradesh Medical Register under section 15.

(5) The Registrar shall, if satisfied that the applicant is entitled to be registered provisionally under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) enter his name in the Register and also issue a certificate in the form prescribed in this behalf.

(6) The Provisional Registration granted under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of its issuance:

Provided that any person who is unable to complete the practical training within the validity period of such

provisional registration may get the same revalidated for the required period, but not exceeding for a period of one year.

Central
Act 102
of 1956.

15AA. (1) Every person who has passed MBBS and completed practical training otherwise called internship of one year and posted for rural medical service, on production of proper evidence to that effect, may apply to the Registrar giving a correct description of his qualification with date on which the same was granted and with the date on which he or she has completed practical training as prescribed under sub-section (3) of section 13 of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 or who has been engaged in employment in a resident medical capacity in any approved institution for the specified period and present his degree or provisional degree and a certificate of completion of practical training along with such fee as may be prescribed in this behalf shall be entitled for Renewal of Provisional Registration granted under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of section 15-A above. The Registrar shall, if satisfied that the applicant is entitled to be registered, enter his name in the register maintained for this purpose.

(2) A person who renewed his provisional registration as aforesaid and who has completed rural medical service for a period as may be prescribed by the Government in this behalf shall be entitled for registration in the Andhra Pradesh Medical register maintained under section 15.

15B. If any person whose name is entered in the Andhra Pradesh Medical Register obtains any title, or P.G. Diploma or Degree or a Higher Speciality, which is a recognized medical qualification, he or she shall, on

application made in this behalf in the prescribed manner, shall be entitled to have an entry stating such other qualification made against his or her name in the Medical Register either in substitution for or in addition to any entry previously made by paying fee prescribed by the Council:

Provided that an applicant for registration of additional qualification, from such date as may be notified by the Government in this behalf, shall produce proper evidence to the effect that he or she rendered one year service as senior resident in Public Sector Hospitals established and run by the Government viz., Community Health Centres, Area Hospitals, District Hospitals, Teaching and Super Speciality Hospitals and Government Medical Colleges as the case may be in the State.

15C. (1) Subject to provisions contained in section 15(1) above, every medical practitioner shall once in every five years renew his or her registration by paying prescribed fee to the Council.

(2) For renewal of registration such applicant shall produce evidence to the effect that he or she participated or attended a minimum of such hours, as may be prescribed in this behalf, over a period preceding five years in any recognized Medical Conference or Seminar or Workshop or Continued Medical Education Programme approved in this behalf.

(3) The Medical Practitioner who fails to renew his or her registration under sub-section (1) and in the manner prescribed under sub-section (2), shall cease to be a registered practitioner within the meaning of section 2 (i) of the Act and the Registrar shall remove the name of such practitioner from the 'Register' maintained under section 15:

Provided that the Registrar may grant fresh registration in such cases on payment of fee as prescribed in this behalf and on an application prescribed thereto.

15D. (1) Any Medical Practitioner from other Country in the world or from other State in India who visits Andhra Pradesh for the purpose of demonstration of skill or conducting surgeries or procedures or workshop for the purposes of teaching, research or charitable work who has not registered his or her name in Medical Council of India shall apply to the Registrar for the purpose of Temporary Permission for undertaking the aforesaid professional activities:

Provided that medical practice by such persons shall be,

(a) permitted only if they are enrolled as medical practitioners in accordance with the law regulating the registration of medical practitioners for the time being in force in that Country or in that State.

(b) limited to the institution to which they are attached for the time being for the purposes of teaching, research or charitable work.

(c) limited to the period specified in this behalf by the Council by general or special order.

(2) Any institution or administrator or head of the unit of the concerned specialty shall give correct description of qualifications of foreign visiting doctors with dates on which they were granted and present such degree or diploma or license along with such fee prescribed by the Council.

(3) The Registrar shall, if satisfied that the applicant is entitled to be permitted temporarily for medical practice subject to the provisions of sub-section (1) above, enter his or her name in the register maintained in this behalf and also issue a certificate to that effect, on payment of fee prescribed by the Council from time to time."

6. In section 20, after clause (iii), the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

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"(iv) The Government shall permit the Council to constitute two or three member committees for the purpose of visiting or inspecting any hospital or nursing home or institutions or places where alleged unethical practices are being taken place and where un-qualified persons or quacks or doctors who do not belong to modern system or scientific medicine practising Modern medicine and prescribing drugs of modern medicine. Such committees shall be formed by Chairman of the Council with the members of all categories except ex-officio members of the Council;

(v) The Government shall also permit the Council to constitute such committees as specified in clause (iv) above to visit or inspect institutions or hospitals or places or nursing homes where the names of the doctors are removed from the register for their unethical acts but alleged to be continuing to practice without surrendering the certificate or registration without sufficient cause within the prescribed time."

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Legislative Affairs & Justice,
Law Department.

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