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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE MEDICAL ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 105)

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist   
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: -

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Medical (Amendment) Short title   
Act, No. 46 of 2024.

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| **2.** Section 19 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended as follows:- | | Amendment of  section 19 of  Chapter 105 |
| (1) | in paragraph (*f*) thereof, by the substitution for the |

words “universities and other institutions.” of the   
words “universities and other institutions;”; and

(2) immediately after paragraph (*f*) thereof, by the   
 addition of the following:-

“(*g*) the criteria of recognizing and renewal of   
 recognition of any medical qualification   
 relating to any degree programme conducted   
 by a recognized university or institution;

(*h*) the criteria of adopting the international   
 ranking and categorization of any recognized   
 university or institution in recognizing the   
 medical qualification relating to any degree   
 programme conducted by any recognized   
 university or institution;

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| (*i*) | the procedure to be followed in approving |

any medical qualification relating to degrees   
obtained from a recognized university or

institution; and

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| (*j*) | the evaluation criteria and conditions in |

respect of any examination to practice   
medicine or dentistry in Sri Lanka for citizens   
of Sri Lanka holding any medical   
qualification relating to any degree obtained   
from any foreign university or institution.”.

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| Amendment of  section 19C of  the principal | **3.** Section 19C of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:- |

enactment   
 (1) by the insertion immediately after subsection (2) thereof, of the following:-

“(2A) Upon receipt of any comments from a   
recognized university or institution under   
subsection (2), the Minister shall refer such   
comments together with the recommendation   
made by the Medical Council under subsection   
(1) to a committee consisting of the following   
members:-

(*a*) the Additional Secretary (Medical   
 Services) of the Ministry of the   
 Minister assigned the subject of   
 Health; and

(*b*) four other eminent Professors in the   
 medical field nominated by the   
 Secretary to the Ministry of the   
 Minister assigned the subject of   
 Health in consultation with the   
 University Grants Commission.”;

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| (2) | by the repeal of subsection (3) thereof, and the |

substitution therefor of the following:-

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“(3) Where the Minister after examining the   
recommendation made by the Medical Council   
under subsection (1) and the comments, if any, made   
by a recognized university or institution under   
subsection (2), and in consultation with the   
committee appointed under subsection (2A), is   
satisfied that –

(*a*) the course of study provided by such   
 university or institution leading to   
 the grant or conferment of a medical   
 qualification;

(*b*) the degree of proficiency required   
 at examinations held by such   
 university or institution for grant or   
 conferment of such qualification;

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| (*c*) | the | staff, | equipment, |

accommodation and facilities   
provided by such university or   
institution for such course of study,

do not conform to the prescribed standards, he shall,   
declare by Order published in the *Gazette* that any   
provision of this Ordinance which enables the holder   
of such qualification to be registered under this   
Ordinance shall cease to have effect in relation to   
such university or institution or in relation to any   
institution affiliated to such university, from such   
date as specified in such Order.”.

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| Amendment of  section 19E of  the principal  enactment | **4.** Section 19E of the principal enactment is hereby amended in the definition of the expression “recognized university or institution”, by the substitution for the words“any university or institution” of the words “any university |

or institution, or any institution affiliated to such university   
whetherlocal or foreign”.

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| Amendment of  section 29 of  the principal  enactment | **5.** Section 29 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows: - | |
| (1) | in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution in |

paragraph (*b*) (ii) (*bb*), for the words “recognized   
by the Medical Council” of the words “recognized   
by the Medical Council as shall be prescribed,”;

(2) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution in   
paragraph (*b*) (iv) (*bb*) (i) for the words “recognized   
by the Medical Council” of the words “recognized   
by the Medical Council as shall be prescribed,”;

(3) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution in   
paragraph (*b*) (iii) (*bb*) (i) for the words “recognized   
by the Medical Council” of the words “recognized   
by the Medical Council as shall be prescribed,”;   
and

(4) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution in   
paragraph (*b*) (iii) (*bb*) (ii) for the words “recognized   
by the Medical Council” of the words “recognized   
by the Medical Council as shall be prescribed,”.

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| Sinhala text to  prevail in case  of inconsistency | **6.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. |

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