



## **POLICY ON EMERITUS PRACTITIONERS**

### **1. PURPOSE OF THE POLICY**

The Policy is designed to determine when practitioners who are registered with the MDPCZ may:

- i) be exempted from paying the prescribed annual fee to the MDPCZ.
- ii) Cease practising their profession

### **2. POLICY**

A practitioner registered with the MDPCZ may be exempted due to a specific age or due to ill health.

The following guidelines will determine the relevant exemption:

#### **2.1 With regard to exemption due to age the following guidelines will apply:**

Practitioners who have reached the age of 71 may be exempted from payment of the annual fee. These practitioners would be exempted according to when they reach 71 years of age. As our financial year period is from 1 January to 31 December of each year a practitioner who reaches the age of 71 years before 31 December of a specific year will be exempted from next financial year. Should the practitioner reach the age of 71 after 31 December the practitioner will not be exempted during that financial year.

Exemption due to age may be effected on the electronic system if proof of the actual date of birth or a copy of the Identity Document of the practitioner is on the personal file of the practitioner and/ or the Identity number of the practitioner is captured on the electronic system of the MDPCZ.

Practitioners who are exempted from payment of the annual fee due to age may be issued with a practising Certificate and may thus still practise their profession until such time that they inform Council that they are no longer practising their profession.

Practitioners whose names appear on the register are liable to meet the CPD requirements to keep themselves up to date with the latest developments and trends in their scope of profession.

Such exempted practitioners have to indicate every year to Council whether they are still practising their profession. Therefore the exemption is not without any end date but will be ended as and when the practitioner indicates when he/she will not be practising the profession any longer.

## **2.2 With regard to exemption due to ill health the following is applicable:**

Exemption from payment of the annual fee due to ill health may be granted to practitioners on request and the application should be accompanied by a medical report or certificate, issued by a medical practitioner or a letter from the employer confirming that the practitioner was medically boarded due to continued ill health.

Practitioners who are exempted due to ill health may not practise their profession and may therefore not be issued with practising certificates.

Practitioners who are exempted due to ill health and in time find it possible to resume practising their profession, have to submit to the Council CPD points and a detailed medical report from a medical practitioner confirming that the practitioner is fit and able to practise his/her profession again.

In cases where the practitioner was exempted due to ill health for a period exceeding two years the application has to be submitted to Council to resolve whether the practitioner may be restored to the register to practise his/her profession as well as under which conditions such practitioner may be restored to the register, if any.

  
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