

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill authorizes the Medical Council, in its discretion, to issue certificates of temporary registration to medical practitioners visiting New Zealand for the purpose of giving post-graduate instruction or obtaining post-graduate experience. In each case the applicant must either be qualified for registration in New Zealand or hold overseas qualifications recognized by the Medical Council as sufficient. The temporary registration is to be for a period determined by the Council, and may be cancelled at any time. In the case of a visitor seeking post-graduate experience the certificate will authorize practice only in a hospital or institution approved by the Council. While any temporary certificate remains in force, the holder is subject to all the provisions of the Medical Practitioners Act 1950.

Hon. Mr Marshall

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

Title.
1. Short Title.

2. Temporary registration of practitioners visiting New Zealand for post-graduate teaching or experience.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Medical Practitioners Act 1950. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Medical Practitioners Amendment Act 1954, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Medical Practitioners Act 1950 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title. 1950, No. 50

2. (1) The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section twenty-five, the following section:
“25A. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, if the Council is satisfied that any person is or will be visiting New Zealand for the purpose of giving post-graduate instruction in medicine or surgery, and—

“(a) That he is qualified for registration as a medical practitioner under this Act; or

“(b) That he is the holder of a degree, diploma, or other qualification granted by any University or Institution outside New Zealand and

recognized by the Council for the purposes of this section as evidence that the holder has sufficient knowledge and experience for the efficient practice of medicine and surgery,—

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the Council may, if it thinks fit, issue to him a certificate of temporary registration entitling him to practise as a medical practitioner for such period as may be determined by the Council and specified in the certificate.

“(2) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, if the Council is satisfied that any person is or will be visiting New Zealand for the purpose of obtaining post-graduate experience as a practitioner of medicine or surgery in any hospital or other institution approved by the Council for the purposes of this section, and—

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“(a) That he is qualified for registration as a medical practitioner under this Act; or

“(b) That he is the holder of a degree, diploma, or other qualification granted by any University or Institution outside New Zealand and recognized by the Council for the purposes of this section as evidence that the holder has sufficient knowledge and experience for the efficient practice of medicine and surgery,—

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the Council may, if it thinks fit, issue to him a certificate of temporary registration entitling him to practise as a medical practitioner, for such period as may be determined by the Council and specified in the certificate, in such hospital or institution as may be specified in the certificate.

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“(3) The provisions of sections thirteen to sixteen and section eighteen of this Act shall apply to every application for temporary registration under this section.

“(4) No fee shall be payable in respect of any application for temporary registration under this section or in respect of the issue of any certificate thereunder.

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“(5) The Council may from time to time, in its discretion, extend the period specified in any certificate under this section if it is satisfied that the circumstances in which it was issued still exist. Any such extension shall

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be endorsed on the certificate, which for that purpose shall be surrendered by the holder to the Secretary to the Council.

5 “(6) During the period specified in any such certificate, or any such extension thereof, the holder of the certificate shall, unless it has been cancelled under this section, be deemed for the purposes of this Act to be registered as a medical practitioner.

10 “(7) The Secretary to the Council may cancel any such certificate at any time on the direction of the Council.

15 “(8) Every person commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds who, being the holder of a certificate of temporary registration issued under subsection *two* of this section, practises medicine or surgery otherwise than in the hospital or institution specified in the certificate.”

20 (2) Section fifty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection five the following paragraph:

“(d) Any person holding a certificate of temporary registration for the time being in force under section twenty-five A of this Act.”