

12. Commencement of Practice

No person may practise medicine or surgery under any style or title implying that he is registered under the Act unless he has been so registered.

No person may hold any appointment as a Medical Officer of Health, or medical officer in the armed forces, hospitals, mental hospitals, prisons, or other public institutions or friendly societies unless he is registered under the Act.

No person may commence practice unless and until he has been advised by the Secretary to the effect that he is so entitled.

13. Change of Address

Every person registered under the Act is required to notify the Secretary by registered post within one month of any change in the address shown against his name in the register. No fee is payable for this alteration to the register.

14. Additional Qualifications

Every person registered under the Act may apply to have the register amended to include any additional qualification approved by the Council against his name in the register. Satisfactory evidence must be produced to the Secretary. No fee is payable for this alteration to the register.

15. Change of Name

The register, on the application of the person concerned and with the approval of the Council, may be amended to show any change in the name of the person registered. Such applications must be supported by a deed poll, marriage certificate, birth certificate, or other acceptable evidence. A fee of \$20 is payable.

16. Annual Practising Certificate

Every person registered under the Act who practices in New Zealand must apply to the Secretary for a certificate in respect of each year commencing on 1 April, and unless he has made such application he is not entitled to practise in New Zealand. The fee is \$25 per annum.

In addition a disciplinary levy of \$10 per annum is payable by every applicant for an Annual Practising Certificate.

17. Discipline

The Council is empowered to hear complaints against registered medical practitioners amounting to disgraceful conduct in a professional respect and may suspend the practitioner concerned or remove his name from the register or may impose a lesser penalty.

The Council is also empowered to hear appeals against any order of the Disciplinary Committee in respect of a charge of professional misconduct or conduct unbecoming a practitioner or in respect of a complaint made to the Committee by the Minister in connection with matters arising out of Part II of the Social Security Act.

18. Complaints Against Practitioners

Persons wishing to lay complaints against registered medical practitioners should in the case of complaints amounting to professional misconduct or conduct unbecoming a practitioner address themselves to the Secretary of the Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Committee, P.O. Box 156, Wellington.

Complaints amounting to disgraceful conduct in a professional respect should be made to the Secretary of the Council and the provisions of the Medical Practitioners Act 1968 apply in the investigation of such complaints and their presentation before the Council.

19. Fees

The following fees have been fixed by regulations under the Act—

<i>Registration:</i>		\$ c
On deposit of evidence of qualifications	120.00	120.00
For provisional certificate	10.00	10.00
For annual practising certificate	25.00	25.00
For disciplinary levy	10.00	10.00
Total fees on registration	165.00	\$165.00
<i>Other:</i>		\$ c
For alteration to the register other than additional qualification or change of address ..	20.00	20.00
Restoration of name to the register after removal therefrom	100.00	100.00
For certificate of registration	20.00	20.00
For any inspection of the register	8.00	8.00
For annual practising certificate including disciplinary levy	35.00	35.00
For certificate of temporary registration	80.00	80.00
For Certificate of Good Standing	20.00	20.00

20. Medical Practitioners Act

Copies of the Medical Practitioners Act are available from the Government Printer, Wellington.

21. New Zealand Medical Register

Copies of the New Zealand Medical Register are available from the Secretary.