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CHANGES TO THE SMC REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR CONDITIONALLY AND PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED DOCTORS

- 1 The Singapore Medical Council (SMC) has recently reviewed the registration process for Conditional Registration (C-reg) and Provisional Registration (P-reg).
- 2 Unless otherwise indicated, the changes will take effect **from 1 January 2023**.

DOCTORS UNDER CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION

(A) Current C-reg Doctors

- 3 Unless they do not comply with Section 21(6) of the Medical Registration Act (MRA)¹, SMC will no longer cancel the registration for C-reg doctors if they:
 - a) resign or cease employment; or
 - b) change their employer and approved place of practice.

¹ Section 21(6) of the MRA:- The Medical Council may cancel the conditional registration of a medical practitioner if -

- a) the medical practitioner fails to comply with any of the conditions or restrictions specified in the direction by virtue of which the person is registered; or
- b) the Medical Council is of the opinion, having regard to any report of one or more fully registered medical practitioners supervising the person and any reviews of the medical practitioners or healthcare professionals mentioned in subsection (4)(b) (if any) that the person is unable to perform the duties of a medical practitioner satisfactorily.

4 SMC will only suspend the conditions attached to the registration that were stipulated in the initial C-reg approval letter and **cancel the doctor's Practising Certificate² (PC)** if the doctor is no longer under the employment of a SMC-approved healthcare institution.

What if C-reg doctor with Suspended Conditions wishes to resume clinical practice

5 If the doctor wishes to resume practice in Singapore, the request must be submitted online via SMC's [Professional Registration System \(PRS\)](#). Once approved, a letter will be issued to him/her with the new conditions and the doctor may proceed to apply for a new PC.

(B) Varying Conditions of Registration for C-reg Doctors

6 If a doctor or employer wishes to vary the C-reg conditions³, the employer must seek SMC's approval first for the variation of conditions of registration. Upon approval, the new C-reg approval letter will be issued. The doctor may be informed to make payment if a replacement Registration Certificate is required for certain categories of applications.

PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

7 P-reg doctors are given 12 months to complete their Postgraduate Year 1 (PGY1) training to obtain their Certificate of Experience. If the P-reg doctor needs to extend the training, an online application (via [PRS](#)) must be submitted to vary the conditions of P-reg for the given duration to complete the training. On approval, a letter will be issued for the doctor to proceed to apply for a new PC.

8 For P-reg doctors who resign or cease employment with MOH Holdings Pte Ltd (MOHH), SMC will suspend the conditions⁴ attached to his/her P-reg and cancel his/her PC⁵ as the doctor is no longer under the employment of MOHH. For resumption of PGY1 training, an online application (via [PRS](#)) must be submitted. On approval, the doctor may apply for a new PC.

² If they applied for the grant or renewal of PC on or after 1 July 2022.

³ For example: a) change practice place with no change in employer, b) add practice place, or c) change employer with no change in practice place.

⁴ However, the Medical Council may still cancel the provisional registration of a medical practitioner if

- a) he fails to comply with any of the conditions or restrictions of his provisional registration; or
- b) the Medical Council is of the opinion, having regard to the report of one or more registered medical practitioners supervising him and the reviews (if any) of the registered medical practitioners or healthcare professionals working with him, that he is unfit or otherwise unable to practise medicine.

⁵ If they applied for the grant or renewal of PC on or after 1 July 2022.

9 The changes to the registration process for C-reg and P-reg are detailed in Annex A.

10 This Circular should be brought to the attention to all relevant staff in your institution or organisation. For any queries, please email lim_heng_seng@spb.gov.sg or yvonne_low@spb.gov.sg.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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Summary of the Changes to SMC Registration Process with effect from 1 January 2023

Conditional Registration			
S/No.	Scenario	Current Process	Revised Process (with effect from 1 Jan 2023)
1	C-reg doctor resigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor's registration cancelled and RC and PC not valid. • To resume practice, doctor must submit an application with payment for registration. • If registration is approved, the doctor may apply for a new PC. A new RC will also be issued. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMC suspends the conditions of C-reg. PC will be cancelled (for PC applications submitted on or after 1 July 2022). • To resume clinical practice, apply to SMC for the new conditions of C-reg (new employer and new practice place) • On approval, a new RC will be issued after paying the prescribed RC fees and the doctor may proceed to apply for a new PC.
2	Doctor accepts another employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New employer submits an application (change employer and change practice place) with payment on behalf of the doctor to SMC. • SMC cancels the registration after the last day of service with the current employer. • Once application to new employer is approved, a new RC will be issued and the doctor may apply for a new PC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New employer contacts SMC for the change in employer and practice place • SMC suspends the conditions of registration (and cancels the PC if this is required) after the doctor's last day of service with the current employer. • Once application for new employer is approved, a new RC will be issued on paying the RC fee and the doctor may apply for a new PC (if this is required).

Conditional Registration			
S/No.	Scenario	Current Process	Revised Process (with effect from 1 Jan 2023)
3	<p>Doctor or employer intends to vary the conditions of registration eg</p> <p>a) Change practice place</p> <p>b) Additional practice place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer submits an application with payment on behalf of the doctor to SMC • Once approved, employer and doctor will be notified and a new RC will be issued. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer requests to vary the conditions of C-reg. • Once approved, doctor and employer will be notified. • No fees need to be paid for this process
4	<p>Doctor wishes to change employer only with no change in practice place (administrative change eg from MOHH to public healthcare institution)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New employer submits an application with payment for the doctor to change employer. • Once approved, employer and doctor will be notified, and a new RC will be issued. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New employer requests the change. • Once approved, the employer and doctor will be notified. • A new RC will be issued to the doctor on paying the prescribed RC fee.

Provisional Registration			
S/No.	Scenario	Current Process	Revised Process (with effect from 1 Jan 2023)
1	PGY1 doctor needs to extend the period of training beyond 12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor submits application with payment to SMC to extend P-reg. • Once approved, the doctor applies for a new PC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor seeks SMC's approval to vary the P-reg condition for a longer duration to complete his training. • Once approved, the doctor applies for a new PC.
2	Doctor resigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor's registration cancelled and RC and PC not valid. • To resume clinical practice, the doctor applies to SMC for registration. • Once approved, a new RC will be issued and the doctor applies for a new PC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMC suspends the conditions of the P-reg. PC will be cancelled (for PC applications submitted on or after 1 July 2022). • To resume clinical practice, MOHH/doctor applies to SMC with the new conditions for his/her P-reg. • Once approved, new RC will be issued to the doctor after payment and the doctor may proceed to apply for a new PC.