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ADDITIONAL PRACTICE PLACE(S) FOR CONDITIONALLY REGISTERED DOCTORS

I. Additional practice place and locum practice

1. Under section 21 of the Medical Registration Act (MRA)\(^1\), the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) grants a conditionally registered (C-reg) doctor medical registration to practise under the supervision of a fully registered medical practitioner in a designated healthcare institution approved by the SMC amongst other conditions that SMC requires.

2. SMC wishes to remind that C-reg doctors are prohibited from working outside of their approved designated practice place(s)\(^2\) (eg as locums) unless they apply to SMC and are approved to work in a secondary practice place. If the C-reg doctor fails to comply with the conditions or restrictions imposed on his/her medical registration, the SMC may cancel the medical registration of the C-reg doctor.

II. Level of supervision and additional practice places

3. The SMC Circular No. 3/2019 on 29 November 2019 (Annex A) stipulates the number of practice places that are allowed for C-reg doctors at Level 1 supervision (L1) under the SMC Supervisory Framework.

4. With immediate effect, all new C-reg doctors on L1 supervision can practise at only one practice place. Only C-reg doctors who are on Level 2 (L2) supervision and above

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\(^1\) Subject to the provisions of this Act, any person who —
(a) holds a degree from a university specified in the Second Schedule or any other qualification which is, in the opinion of the Medical Council, not lower in standing than a degree specified in the Second Schedule;
(b) has been selected for employment in Singapore as a medical practitioner in hospitals or other institutions or medical practice approved by the Medical Council;
(c) satisfies the Medical Council that he has the knowledge and skill and has acquired the experience which is necessary for practice as a medical practitioner;
(d) complies with section 26; and
(e) satisfies such other requirements as the Medical Council may, with the approval of the Minister, prescribe, shall, if the Medical Council thinks fit so to direct and subject to such conditions or restrictions as the Medical Council may think fit to impose, be registered as a medical practitioner with conditional registration in Part II of the Register of Medical Practitioners.

\(^2\) An example of an approved designated practice place in a hospital is the department approved for the C-reg doctor’s practice stated in his/her letter of approval. Any secondary practice places eg in other departments in the hospital or in another site must first be approved by SMC.
with satisfactory performance may apply for additional practice place and up to two secondary practice places only. The full time equivalent (FTE) requirement of at least 0.6 FTE in the primary practice place continue to apply for these doctors.

5. For current C-reg doctors who are on L1 supervision and practising in more than one practice place, the employer should apply to SMC to progress the doctor to L2 supervision if their performance is satisfactory. SMC’s criteria for progression can be found in this [link](#).

6. This Circular should be brought to the attention of all relevant staff in your institution or organisation. Please send your queries to smc@spb.gov.sg should you require further clarification.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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