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**GUIDELINES ON REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF  
ALLOPATHIC MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

**1.1. AUTHORITY**

This guideline has been developed and approved by the Maldives Medical and Dental Council on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 pursuant to the Health Care Professionals Act, 2015 and it takes effect from 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**1.2 PURPOSE**

To provide information to the medical and dental practitioners wishing to practice in Maldives and their employers regarding the process and requirements for registration and licensure prescribed by the Maldives Medical and Dental Council (MMDC) and the privileges and responsibilities appertaining thereto

Patients trust doctors with their lives and wellbeing and they need to have the confidence that doctors are competent in their field and abide by high ethical standards. The primary purpose of registration is to protect the public and by keeping up-to-date registers of qualified doctors, we aim to ensure that all registered doctors maintain the standards, the public and the medical profession expect.

Registration and licensure of Medical and Dental Practitioners is one of the main assigned responsibilities of the MMDC under the Health Care Professional Act, 2015. This includes arrangements for granting registrations and licenses, erasure from and restoration of names to the registers and revalidation by establishing minimum standards for recognition of educational qualification. It also covers day to day maintenance of the information contained in the registers.

The article 58 of the Health Care Professionals Act mandates all medical and dental practitioners wishing to practice Medicine or Dentistry in the Maldives to register with MMDC and to obtain a separate license to practice in the registered category. Practicing medicine or dentistry in the Maldives, without a license will be an offense, punishable by law with effect from 13th February 2016



Note that, Practice means any role, whether remunerated or not, in which the individual uses his/her skills and knowledge as a medical or dental practitioner in his/her profession. This includes screening, diagnosis, treatment, use of instruments or other medical devices, the prescription or administration of drugs for the relief of diseases or adverse physical, mental or psychosocial conditions at individual and community levels, infection control and patient safety, medical education and research.

### 1.3 REGISTRATION

All medical and dental practitioners wishing to practice in Maldives should be registered with the MMDC. Registration is an acknowledgment that the practitioner's medical or dental qualification allowed him/her to gain entry to the medical or dental practitioners register and ensures that the medical or dental practitioner holds the appropriate registration for the type of post or practice for which he/she is employed.

Four registers are maintained within the council:

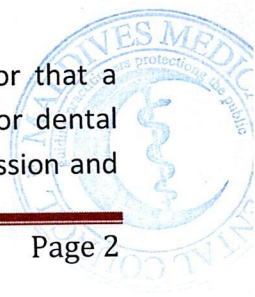
- a) **The general medical practitioners register:** Includes all doctors registered with MMDC
- b) **The general dental practitioners register:** Includes all dentists registered with MMDC
- c) **The Medical Specialists' register:** Includes names of doctors who are on the general practitioners register but who in addition to basic medical qualification have obtained additional qualifications in a specialty of medicine
- d) **The Dental Specialists' register:** Includes names of dentists who are on the general dental practitioners register but who in addition to basic dental qualification have obtained additional qualifications in a specialty of dentistry.

Medical and dental practitioners appointed as general practitioners or specialists must be on the respective General practitioner's or specialist register as appropriate e.g. If a medical doctor is seeking to work as a practitioner he/she must meet the registration criteria set by MMDC and get registered on one of the registers of medical and dental practitioners at MMDC.

**A person must be registered with the Maldives Medical and Dental council if he or she:**

- Use the title "medical or dental practitioner" with or without any other words
- Take or use a title, name, initial, symbol, word or description that, in regard to the circumstances in which it is taken or used, indicates or could be reasonably understood to indicate, that the person is a medical/dental practitioner or is authorized or qualified to practice medicine or dentistry
- Claim to be qualified to practice as a medical or dental practitioner

Registration does not give the legal authority to practice medicine in Maldives, for that a separate practicing license has to be obtained from MMDC. A registered medical or dental practitioner can use the title (Dr / medical/dental practitioner) related to their profession and



should abide by the code of ethics laid down by the council in the Good Medical Practice guidance.

#### **1.4 LICENSING**

In addition to registration, a medical or dental practitioner, wishing to practice in the Maldives should obtain a separate license from the MMDC that legally enables him or her to practice medicine or dentistry within the country.

This means that the license to practice is not simply the recognition of a medical or dental practitioner's qualifications at a point in time and entering them on the practitioners register. It is an indicator that the medical or dental practitioner continues to meet the professional standards set by the MMDC and for this purpose, licensing and revalidation requires the medical or dental practitioners to prove that their skills and knowledge are up to date.

Practitioners who want to register but does not need a license as they are not going to do work that requires one, can give up their licenses and keep their registration. Any medical or dental practitioner without a license must not prescribe medication nor provide medical treatment for any physical or mental ill health of an individual.

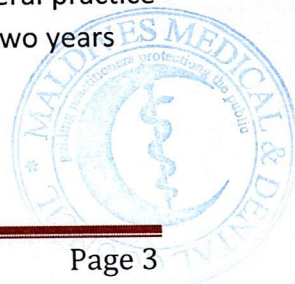
The MMDC recognize that non licensed registered practitioners may find themselves in circumstances when it is appropriate for them to provide assistance in an emergency. In such circumstances, the council recognizes that the practitioner will, and should, provide the best care that they can. The council would not have any grounds to take action against someone for rendering medical assistance in an emergency.

## **2. REGISTRATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS**

### **2.1 TYPES OF REGISTRATION**

Maldives Medical and Dental Council provide the following types of registration.

- **Permanent Medical Registration:** Permanent Registration issued to Maldivians only, for general practice of medicine or dentistry in the Maldives
- **Permanent Additional Registration:** Permanent Registration given to Maldivians only, for practice of specialties of medicine and dentistry in the Maldives
- **Temporary Medical Registration:** Registration given for expatriates for general practice of medicine or dentistry in the Maldives, issued for a period not more than two years



- **Temporary Additional Registration:** Registration given for expatriates for practice of specialties of medicine and dentistry in the Maldives, issued for a period of not more than two years
- **Provisional Medical Registration:**
  - Issued only for Maldivian medical graduates , for the purpose of completing the internship /house job
  - Issued for a period of one (1) year, to medical graduates (both Maldivians and expatriates) who are officially eligible to take the medical licensing exam but have not cleared it.
  - Issued for Maldivians only, pending the reception of original academic certificate after completion of medical or dentistry education, issued for a period of two years
- **Provisional Additional Registration:** issued for Maldivians only, pending the reception of original academic certificate after completion of specialized medical or dentistry education, issued for a period of two years.
- **Temporary Registration for special purpose:** Issued for short-term visiting consultants and experts as technical assistance from government to government or as military Aid and assistance.

Visiting experts who do not perform procedures on patients or carry out patient consultations need not register with the MMDC.

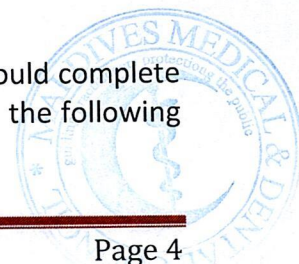
## 2.2 REGISTRATION FEES

- Pre registration: 500MVR
- Provisional registration: 300MVR
- Temporary Basic medical and dental registration:500MVR
- Permanent Basic medical and dental registration: 750MVR
- For each Temporary Additional (Specialist) registration: 1000 MVR
- For each Permanent Additional (Specialist) registration: 1500 MVR

Registration fees shall be waived for Temporary registrations given for special purpose as stated in section 2.1

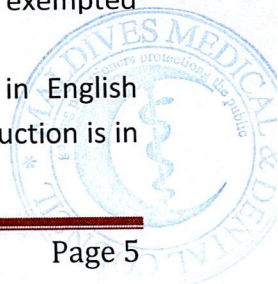
## 2.3 REQUIREMENTS IN APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

Any medical or dental practitioner wishing to register with the MMDC Council should complete the required application form and submit it to the secretariat of the MMDC with the following documents:



- a) Completed Application form for medical registration
- b) Curriculum Vitae which must provide at a minimum: -
  - the medical education information including duration and level of training and all professional appointments and type of practice including names of hospitals and/or clinics, discipline, duration and location
  - a listing of all previous and current medical licenses, duration, license number and state/country
  - Any significant gaps in training and practice history
- c) A valid official identity, passport in case of non-Maldivians and passport or national identity card for Maldivians.
- d) Four passport size photographs, taken not more than 6 months earlier, with the name of the applicant written on the back of the photograph.
- e) Receipt of payment of registration fee.
- f) Academic qualification certificates as stated below in sections 2.3.1 and 2.3.3 for general medical and dental practitioners respectively and 2.3.2 and 2.3.4 for specialist practitioners in medicine and dentistry respectively.

Academic qualification (diploma/degree) will be considered as one obtained after completion of a structured training program and successful clearance of the exit examination. Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) will not be considered as an academic credential. In Addition, for registration of postgraduate qualifications/fellowships, the applicant is also required to produce course details including a transcript, duration and whether the course is examination-based. In addition the Fellowships should be recognized as specialists in the country of training.
- g) For registration of post graduate qualification of medical doctors in public health specializations, a portfolio of practice consistent with the MMDC guidance for portfolios.
- h) Registration or equivalent official document authorizing practice of medicine or dentistry, from the medical or dental council or licensing authority of the country in which the candidate completed study OR of the candidate's country of residence. This requirement is exempted for Maldivians who return to Maldives, immediately after graduation, without practicing elsewhere.
- i) Graduates from countries whose academic certificates are not in English, should submit a English translation of the degree, certified as an accurate translation, from the university that issued the original certificate or any embassy, consulate or foreign mission of the country or from the relevant regulatory body of the country that issued the original certificate.
- j) A recent Certificate of Good Standing, dated within the last 3 months issued from the medical council or licensing authority of the country in which the candidate last practiced medicine or dentistry. Only those Maldivian graduates returning immediately after graduation, without practicing as a medical doctor or dentist elsewhere, are exempted to produce such a certificate.
- k) All foreign applicants are required to submit evidence of competency in English Language to the MMDC. Applicants whose native tongue or medium of instruction is in



English must need to submit a pass in Secondary O'Level English OR Higher Secondary A'level English OR equivalent to this test.

- l) Applicants whose native tongue or medium of instruction is not English must complete the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) QR Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL), or equivalent to this test. The minimum acceptable scores are:
- IELTS – at least 6 for overall score
  - TOEFL – 250 marks for computer-based test or 600 marks for paper-based test or 100 marks for internet-based test

Maldivian graduates returning after completion of studies from such institutions need NOT submit the English language competency certificates

- m) Signed Medical Ethics Declaration agreeing to comply with the Code of Ethics of MMDC.

### 2.3.1 ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

MMDC will recognize the following as sufficient qualification for enrolment in the register as a general medical practitioner. The candidate must have:

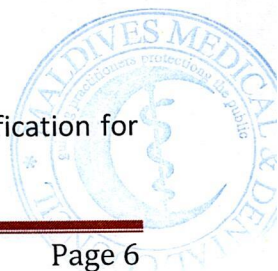
- a) Undergone a minimum period of 4 years of training in a medical education institution recognized by the MMDC and
- b) A Basic Medical Qualification, as stipulated below, issued from a medical education institution recognized by the MMDC.
- c) Undertaken compulsory clinical practice under supervision (internship/ house job), for a period not less than 52 weeks in a medical education institution recognized by the MMDC.
- d) Foreign medical doctors should have minimum of 2 years of clinical experience excluding internship

The following qualifications will be recognized as equivalent to Basic Medical Qualification;

- a. Degrees of medicine awarded as MBBS, BMBS, MB BChir, BM BCh, MB BCh, MB ChB, BMed, BM, from medical education institutions recognized by the Maldives Medical and Dental Council
- b. Doctor of Medicine(MD) certificate issued from the medical education institutions of countries recognized by the MMDC, such as North American countries including USA, Russia, Eastern European Countries, Australia and East Asian countries

### 2.3.2- ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A SPECIALIST MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

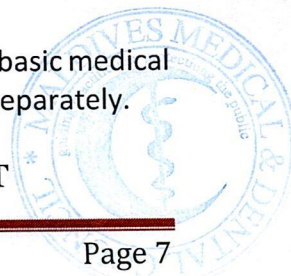
Maldives Medical and Dental Council will recognize the following as sufficient qualification for enrolment as a specialist in the Specialist's Medical Register.



The candidate must have;

- a) A Basic Medical Qualification or its equivalent as stipulated above in section 2.3.1 and
- b) Undertaken compulsory clinical practice under supervision (internship/ house job), for a period not less than 52 weeks in a medical education institution recognized by the MMDC  
AND
- c) Undergone a fulltime structured residency training program of no less than 2 years duration in a medical specialty field, with award of a postgraduate degree or diploma in a medical education institution, meeting the requirements of MMDC. Such training program of less than 3 years will be recognized at postgraduate diploma level.
- d) For candidates who are already entered into the specialty register, undergone an additional fulltime structured residency training program of no less than 2 year duration in a medical specialty, in a medical education institution meeting the requirements of MMDC. (This will be an additional registration to the specialist registration the candidate holds.)
- e) For those graduates from Ukraine and Russia (This will also apply to all Eastern European countries until the medical education system of those countries are reviewed and decision in that regard taken by this council)
  - i. The clinical residency program (Clinical Ordinatura) from Ukraine will be registered as an additional registration in the specialist register
  - ii. The specialist internship training (internatura) graduates from Ukraine need a work experience of 5 years after obtaining the internatura certificate **AND** proof of passing the revalidation/accreditation exam to be registered as an additional registration in the specialist register
  - iii. The Ukrainian graduates who qualify for registration as above need to submit a copy of their labour book and a certified English translation of it from the relevant government body of Ukraine
  - iv. Clinical residency program (Clinical Ordinatura) from Russian federation of the duration of atleast 3 years will be registered as an additional registration in the specialist register.
  - v. The Maldivian students completing their Basic Medical Qualification from Russia and wishing to continue for their specialization studies without doing internship will need to complete additional 4 years training after Basic Medical Qualification to be registered as an additional registration in the specialist register
  - vi. The PhD and post-doctoral qualifications from Ukraine and Russia are research based (non-clinical) qualifications and hence will **NOT** be considered as qualifications pertaining to additional registrations at the specialist register of MMDC.
- f) For public health specialties in medicine and other paraclinical fields such as basic medical sciences and medical research, guidance for registration will be published separately.

### 2.3.3-ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A DENTIST



Maldives MMDC will recognize the following as sufficient qualification for enrolment in the National Dentistry Register and to provide registration for practice of dentistry as a general dental practitioner in the Maldives. The candidate must have;

- a) Undergone a minimum period of 4 years of training in a dentistry education institution recognized by the MMDCI and
- b) A Bachelor of Dental Surgery/*Baccalaureus DentalisChirurgiae* (BDS, BDentS, BChD, BDS, BDentSc, BDS, DDS, DS ) certificate or its equivalent (as stipulated below) issued from an institution recognized by the MMDC and
- c) Undertaken clinical practice under supervision (internship), for a period not less than 52 weeks in a dentistry education institution recognized by MMDC. Graduates from those countries where internship is incorporated as part of the training program are exempted
- d) Foreign dentists should have minimum of 2 years of clinical experience excluding internship.

The following qualifications will be recognized as equivalent to BDS certificate;

Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) or doctor of stomatology (DS) certificate and BDS or equivalent degree awarded after 4 years of training in a dentistry education institution of European Countries recognized by the Maldives Medical and Dental Council

#### 2.3.4 ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A DENTISTRY SPECIALIST

MMDC will recognize the following as sufficient qualification to provide registration for practice of dentistry as a specialist dental practitioner in the Maldives.

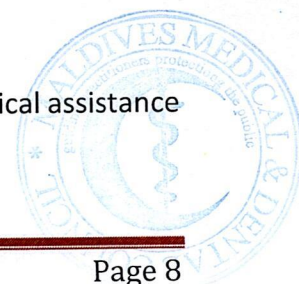
The candidate must have;

1. Basic dental qualification ie a Bachelor of Dental Surgery/*Baccalaureus DentalisChirurgiae* (BDS, BDent, BChD, BDS) certificate or its equivalent (as stipulated above in section 1.3.3) issued from a dentistry education institution recognized by the Maldives Medical and Dental Council and
2. Undergone a fulltime structured residency training program of no less than 2 years duration in a dentistry specialty field, after 4 years of general dentistry training OR
3. A postgraduate certificate (Master of Dental Surgery, Master of Science or Master of clinical science/ Master of Dental Medicine or Master of Dental Public Health or Doctorate of Dental Medicine or Doctorate of Dental Surgery), Higher graduate diploma in dental implant/prostodontics or Higher Graduate Diploma in Clinical Science or Graduate Diploma (clinical dentistry) of not less than 1 year in a clinical dental specialty recognized by the MMDC.

#### 2.3.5 TEMPORARY REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE

This type of registration will be issued to visiting Consultants and Experts as technical assistance from Government to Government and as International military Aid/Assistance.

Requirements for this type of registration include:





- a) A Passport copy as proof of identity
- b) Certificates of Academic qualifications
- c) Registration or equivalent official document authorizing medical/dental practice, from the medical /dental council or licensing authority of the country in which the candidate completed study OR of the candidate's country of residence
- d) Certificate of good standing form the licensing authority of the country or government institution in the candidate's country of residence
- e) Certification of English language competency from a government institution.
- f) Registration and licsnsing fee as applicable.

### **3. LICENSING PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS**

#### **3.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS**

Section 58 of the HealthCare Professionals Act 2015 mandates all registered Medical and Dental practitioners to have a license to practice, issued by the MMDC if they wish to practice medicine or dentistry in the Maldives.

The license to practice is an indicator that the health practitioner continues to meet the professional and ethical standards set by the MMDC. If the council determines that at any point of time, the practitioner is unethical or incompetent; his/her license can be restricted, suspended or revoked. The conditions in which the license will be restricted, suspended or revoked will be published separately by MMDC.

A License is restricted when a health practitioner has been placed on probation by MMDC due to disciplinary, medical or competency issues that extends over a specified period of time. The licensee is monitored periodically by the MMDC to assure compliance with the terms and conditions established in the Councils order. It may entail supervision by another provider, restricting certain procedures, requiring the licensee to undergo additional training or to undergo medical or psychiatric treatment.

If a license is suspended, the practitioner will temporarily cease the practice of medicine in Maldives until given permission to do so by MMDC whereas when a license has been revoked, he/she has had their license to practice withdrawn by MMDC and he/she cannot legally continue to practice in Maldives. A revoked license may be temporary or permanent.

#### **3.1.1- LICENSING EXAMINATION FOR GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS**

The Licensing examination for medical graduates was established in 2014 by the Maldives Medical Council, now carried out by MMDC, formed on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015 under the Heath Care Professionals Act 2015. All the medical graduates who meet the criteria for registration as general medical practitioners are required with effect from 31st December 2014, to pass the

licensing examination conducted by the MMDC as a requirement to obtain the license to practice in Maldives,

Medical graduates who are officially eligible to take the medical licensing exam but have not cleared it, will be issued a **restricted license** for the duration of 1 year during which they should clear the licensing exam

The issuance of this restricted license is subject to the following conditions:

1. The candidate must practice with a supervisor who is a licensed specialist practitioner
2. The candidate should work in a hospital setting not below the tier level of Regional Hospital in the Maldives

The restricted license will expire at the end of 1 year from the date that the license was issued and will not be extended once expired.

Once the licensing examination is passed, the medical graduate can apply for the practicing license by submitting the completed application form along with the exam results and payment receipt of licensing fees.

Maldivians will be granted a practicing license of 5 years duration and expatriates will be issued a license for the duration of 2 years

### 3.1.2- LICENSURE OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS PRACTITIONERS

Registered medical and Dental specialists shall be issued licenses from the MMDC on submission of the application form and payment of **the licensing fee**.

### 3.1.3- LICENSURE OF DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

General dental practitioners shall also be issued licenses from the MMDC on submission of the application form and payment of the licensing fee until a separate licensing exam is established for the dentistry practitioners.

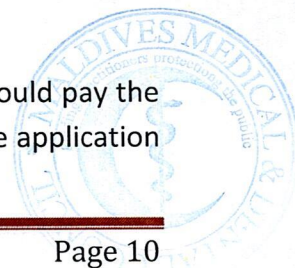
### 3.2 DURATION OF LICENSE

- Maldivians doctors and dentists: license of 5 years duration
- Expatriate doctors and dentists: license for 2 years duration
- Temporary/ special purpose doctors and dentists: license for upto 1 year duration

License should be renewed before it lapses, to continue practicing in the Maldives.

### 3.3- LICENSING FEE

All registered medical and dental practitioners applying for a license to practice should pay the Licensing Fee and submit the receipt of payment to the council secretariat with the application



form. Licensing fees will be waived for those registered for a special purpose such as international technical assistance between governments and military service.

- Licensing Fee: 500MVR
- Renewal fee: 500MVR
- Reissuing fee for loss or damage: 1000MVR
- Reinstating Fee: 500MVR

### **3.4-RENEWAL OF LICENSE**

The license to practice issued by MMDC is valid for 5 years for Maldivians and 2 years for expatriates. The date on which a license lapses shall be printed on the license and the medical or dental practitioner must renew his/her license before it lapses.

Applications for renewal should be submitted 30 days prior to the date of lapse, to the MMDC along with other required documents as stated below. If a medical or dental practitioner does not submit the completed renewal application to the MMDC by the date on which the license expires, the practitioner's license will lapse automatically.

#### **3.4.1- REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE:**

The Licensee must submit the following for renewal of license

- I. Registration with the MMDC
- II. Completed application form for renewal of license
- III. Receipt of payment of the license renewal fee
- IV. Letter from all employers stating that the practitioner's performance under their employment meets the ethical practices and professional standards laid down by MMDC.
- V. When renewing, each licensee must disclose on the renewal form whether they have had any license, disciplined by a government regulatory authority or other disciplinary body, or, have been convicted of any crime in any state/ country within the past 5 years
- VI. The licensee should also disclose whether within the past 5 years he/she has been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or a psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder
- VII. The Licensee should also disclose whether in the past 5 years, he/she has been addicted or treated for the abuse of alcohol or any other drug
- VIII. If the licensee had a medical condition affecting practice, he/she should submit a statement by the treating physician along with signed authority given to the treating physician to disclose his/her medical condition to the council. The physician's statement should include the diagnosis, treatment and effect of the condition on the applicant's ability to practice, compliance with treatment, whether the condition should be monitored and the date first and last seen

- IX. All practicing registered medical and dental practitioners are expected to participate regularly in continuing professional development (CPD) that is relevant to their scope of practice. CPD criteria shall be considered for renewal, once a well-structured program is established by MMDC.

### **3.5- REPLACEMENT LICENSES:**

MMDC shall issue a replacement license if the original license is lost, stolen, or damaged, or if there has been a change in the practitioner's name

Application form for replacement license should be accompanied by:

- Payment of replacement fee
- A Passport size photograph (not taken six months earlier)
- Return of the original license if the license is damaged or a replacement is sought for reasons of a name / address change
- Police report if stolen
- If the request for a replacement license is due a change of name due to marriage or religious conversion, the medical or dental practitioner shall submit a certified copy of the official document (marriage certificate, court order, or other official document) indicating the name change, date, and place of change.

The MMDC shall issue a replacement license which bears the same number and expiration date as the original and shall print "Replacement" and the date of replacement across the front of the license

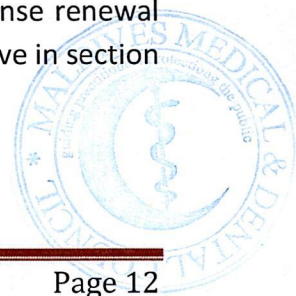
### **3.6- LAPSED LICENSES**

If a license has not been renewed by the required date, it has lapsed. The medical or dental practitioner cannot legally practice in the Maldives once a license has lapsed and he/she must halt the practice until the license has been reinstated.

A practitioner may request the MMDC to have his/her active medical license placed on an inactive status (Voluntary lapsed), if not practicing. The physician is not licensed to practice medicine until the license is reinstated.

#### **3.6.1- REINSTATING THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE**

To seek reinstatement, the medical or dental practitioner must complete the license renewal form and submit it along with all the required documents for renewal as stated above in section 3.4.1.



Practitioners may have to take a temporary leave from the practice of medicine for multiple reasons, including family responsibilities or to pursue administrative or other professional interests not involving the clinical practice of medicine, with many seeking to return at some future point.

As competence is maintained in part through continuous engagement in patient care activities, decisions regarding practitioner's seeking to return to clinical work after an extended leave will be based upon the practitioners situation, including the length of time out of practice, what the practitioner has done while away from practice, the practitioners prior and current or intended area of specialization, prior disciplinary history, hospital reports and the practitioners participation in continuing medical education and/or volunteer activities during the time out of practice.

Medical/dental Practitioners returning to clinical practice after more than 1 year of inactivity are required to submit in addition to the completed license renewal form:

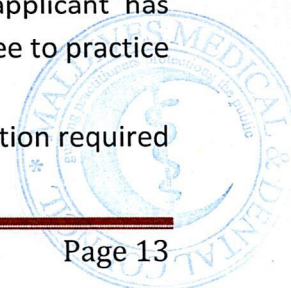
- Current curriculum vitae listing all activities from date of license expiration to present work experience
- Submit proof of continuing medical education during the time license had lapsed.
- If the applicant had been practicing or undergoing training in another country during that lapse period, he/she should submit an account of the professional activities during the time the license had lapsed from the Institution where he/she was practicing or undergoing training
- Registration verification from the council or licensing authority of the country if he/she was practicing or undergoing training in another country during the period the Maldivian license lapsed.
- If the practitioner was not engaged in active practice due to a medical condition, he/she should submit a statement from the treating practitioner to the MMDC along with signed authority given to the treating physician to disclose his/her medical condition to the council. The practitioner's statement should include the diagnosis, treatment and effect of the condition on the applicants ability to practice, whether the condition should be monitored and the date first and last seen

For Medical /dental practitioners who has not engaged in any active practice for more than 5 years, the council may require the applicant to pass a competency evaluation by a committee approved by MMDC or condition to work under a mentor or clinical supervisor or successfully complete a retraining program approved in advance by MMDC

### **3.7 - DENIAL OF LICENSE**

The MMDC may deny issuing a license to practice if MMDC finds that the applicant has committed any of the acts or offenses constituting grounds to discipline the licensee to practice medicine in Maldives pursuant to, but not limited to the following:

- a) Failure of the applicant to achieve a passing score on the licensing examination required under this section.



- b) Failure of the applicant to comply with any of the requirements or rules for the issuance of a license to practice medicine in Maldives or to demonstrate qualifications requirements
- c) Finding that the applicant has submitted false, misleading, or untruthful information to the council in connection with the application for registration and licensing.
- d) Revocation, suspension, restriction, limitation, or other disciplinary action against the person's medical license in another state/country and failure to report to the council that charges regarding the person's license have been brought in another state / country or having been refused a license by any other state/country.
- e) Engaging in any unethical conduct; conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public, or demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare or safety of a patient; or medical practice which is professionally incompetent
- f) Aiding and abetting an unlicensed person in practice of medicine
- g) Engaging in unprofessional conduct including any departure from or the failure to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice
- h) Inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, drunkenness, use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals or as a result of any mental or physical condition, including deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor skills.
- i) Prescribing a drug or device for illegal or illegitimate purposes

MMDC shall document in writing all decisions as to whether the applicant is granted or denied a license.

If MMDC intends to deny the applicant a license, it shall issue a written decision containing the specific reason for denial. The applicant has the right to request the council to review the decision and the request for this must be filed within 20 days from the date the decision was sent to the applicant and the applicant shall be given the opportunity to show that he or she has met the licensing requirement.

After the hearing, the council shall affirm or reverse the preliminary decision and shall issue a final written decision based on the council's decision.

**CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR REGISTRATIONS AND LICENSING SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT:**

Registration will be granted only for those candidates who meet the MMDC's criteria for registering as a medical doctor or dentist as stated above and the applications must be accompanied by original documents, together with a photostat copy thereof. Applications not accompanied with original documents or incomplete documentation will not be accepted by the Council. All original documents will be returned after final perusal.



All documentation submitted should be legible. Illegible, unclear or incomplete copies will not be accepted by the Council and the council will not be responsible for delays that occur due to submission of illegible or incomplete documentation.

MMDC, after scrutinizing the application, reserves the right to issue or refuse the registration or license in accordance with its stipulations.

MMDC may, at its discretion, rescind a practitioners Registration and License if the applicant was not qualified to receive the certificate at the time it was issued, even if the certificate was issued as a result of a mistake on the part of MMDC.

Once registered, the candidate will have to abide by the Rules and Regulation of the MMDC.


Additional information can be obtained from MMDC Secretariat at phone number +960 3014337 or email: [mmdc@health.gov.mv](mailto:mmdc@health.gov.mv)

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President of Maldives Medical and Dental Council

Signature of President:

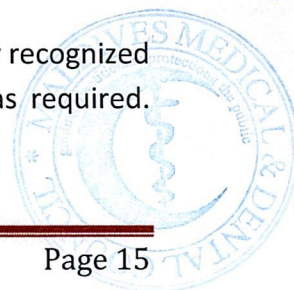


**ANNEXE:**

**MALDIVES MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL**

**LIST OF SPECIALTIES AND FIELDS OF SPECIALTY PRACTICE**

This list includes specialties and fields of specialty practice in Medicine and Dentistry recognized by the MMDC. The Council will from time to time review this list and update as required. Specialties not included in this list will be considered at the discretion of MMDC.



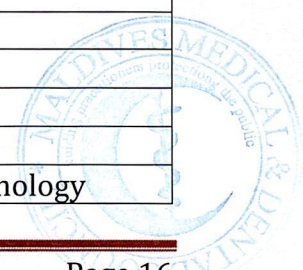
**SPECIALITIES OF DENTISTRY RECOGNIZED BY MMDC**

The Maldives Medical and Dental Council recognizes the following 10 clinical specialties to be registered as a dental specialist ie:-

- Restorative and Endodontics
- Oral and maxillofacial pathology
- Oral and maxillofacial radiology
- Oral and maxillofacial surgery (Diagnostic Science)
- Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics
- Periodontics
- Pediatric dentistry
- Prosthodontics
- Endodontics
- General dentistry

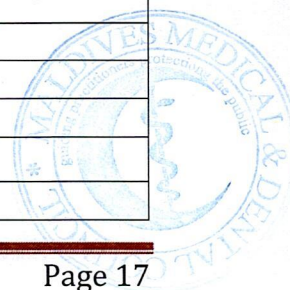
**MEDICAL SPECIALITIES RECOGNIZED BY MMDC**

| <b>SPECIALITY</b>                           | <b>FIELD OF SPECIALITY PRACTICE</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Anaesthesiology</b>                      | Anaesthesia                         |
| <b>Biochemistry</b>                         | Biochemistry                        |
|                                             | Cellular medicine                   |
| <b>Dermatology</b>                          | Dermatology                         |
| <b>Emergency medicine</b>                   | Emergency medicine                  |
|                                             | Hyperbaric medicine                 |
|                                             | Medical toxicology                  |
| <b>General medicine</b>                     | General medicine                    |
|                                             | Family medicine                     |
|                                             | Primary care                        |
| <b>Internal medicine</b>                    | Internal medicine                   |
|                                             | Intensive care medicine             |
|                                             | Addiction medicine                  |
|                                             | Cardiology                          |
|                                             | Clinical genetics                   |
|                                             | Clinical pharmacology               |
|                                             | Endocrinology                       |
|                                             | Gastroenterology and hepatology     |
|                                             | General medicine                    |
|                                             | Geriatric medicine                  |
|                                             | Immunology and allergy              |
|                                             | Infectious diseases                 |
|                                             | Medical oncology                    |
|                                             | Nephrology                          |
|                                             | Neurology                           |
| Nuclear medicine                            |                                     |
| Respiratory and sleep medicine/ Pulmonology |                                     |





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|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                                           | Rheumatology                                   |
|                                           | Haematology                                    |
| <b>Microbiology</b>                       | Microbiology/clinical microbiology             |
|                                           | Virology                                       |
| <b>Obstetrics and gynaecology</b>         | Obstetrics and gynaecology                     |
|                                           | Gynaecological oncology                        |
|                                           | Maternal-fetal medicine                        |
|                                           | Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound       |
|                                           | Reproductive endocrinology and infertility     |
|                                           | Urogynaecology                                 |
| <b>Ophthalmology</b>                      | Ophthalmology                                  |
|                                           | Strabismus/paediatric ophthalmology            |
|                                           | Neuro ophthalmology                            |
|                                           | Galucoma                                       |
|                                           | ?ocular oncology                               |
| <b>Otorhinolaryngology</b>                | Otorhinolaryngology                            |
|                                           | Paediatric Otorhinolaryngology                 |
|                                           | Laryngology                                    |
|                                           | Nurotology                                     |
|                                           | Rhinology                                      |
| <b>Paediatrics</b>                        | Community child health                         |
|                                           | General paediatrics                            |
|                                           | Neonatal and perinatal medicine                |
|                                           | Paediatric cardiology                          |
|                                           | Paediatric clinical pharmacology               |
|                                           | Paediatric emergency medicine                  |
|                                           | Paediatric endocrinology                       |
|                                           | Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology     |
|                                           | Paediatric haematology                         |
|                                           | Paediatric immunology and allergy              |
|                                           | Paediatric infectious diseases                 |
|                                           | Paediatric intensive care medicine             |
|                                           | Paediatric medical oncology                    |
|                                           | Paediatric nephrology                          |
|                                           | Paediatric neurology                           |
|                                           | Paediatric palliative medicine                 |
| Paediatric rehabilitation medicine        |                                                |
| Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine |                                                |
| Paediatric rheumatology                   |                                                |
| <b>Palliative medicine</b>                | Palliative medicine                            |
| <b>Pathology</b>                          | Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology) |
|                                           | Chemical pathology                             |
|                                           | Haematology                                    |
|                                           | Immunology                                     |
|                                           | Microbiology                                   |
|                                           | Forensic pathology                             |
| <b>Psychiatry</b>                         | Psychiatry                                     |



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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Public health medicine</b>  | Public health medicine                            |
|                                | Community Medicine                                |
|                                | Public Health                                     |
|                                | Preventive and social medicine                    |
|                                | Epidemiology/ clinical epidemiology               |
|                                | Global (international) health                     |
|                                | Travel medicine                                   |
|                                | Population/Reproductive health                    |
|                                | Geriatric health/Healthy ageing                   |
|                                | Maternal and child health                         |
|                                | Nutrition and dietetics                           |
|                                | Genetics studies                                  |
| <b>Radiology</b>               | Diagnostic radiology                              |
|                                | Pediatric Radiology                               |
|                                | Radiation oncology                                |
|                                | Nuclear medicine                                  |
| <b>Rehabilitation medicine</b> | Exercise medicine                                 |
|                                | Rehabilitation medicine                           |
|                                | Sports medicine                                   |
| <b>Surgery</b>                 | Cardio-thoracic surgery                           |
|                                | General surgery                                   |
|                                | Neurosurgery                                      |
|                                | Surgical Oncology                                 |
|                                | Orthopaedic surgery                               |
|                                | Otolaryngologcail surgery – head and neck surgery |
|                                | Oral and maxillofacial surgery                    |
|                                | Paediatric surgery                                |
|                                | Plastic surgery                                   |
|                                | Urological surgery                                |
|                                | Vascular surgery                                  |

