HM Government of Gibraltar



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GIBRALTAR MEDICAL REGISTRATION BOARD

Extension of Transition Periods

The Government, by virtue of its powers under the Medical & Health Act (1997), has made two amendments to the law which widen the transitional provisions applicable to a number of health professionals. The changes are set out below.

DOCTORS

The effect of the amendment is that the requirement to possess a GMC Licence in order to practise in Gibraltar has been suspended <u>until 1st January 2017</u>, after which date it will become mandatory by law.

The amendments will mainly benefit the following groups of doctors:

- Doctors who have yet to apply for a GMC Licence.
- Doctors who have applied for the GMC Licence, but need some more time.
- Doctors who were unable to register after June 2015 for want of a GMC Licence.

Doctors who are in the process of obtaining a GMC Licence would be advised to continue to press on, while doctors who have not begun the process would be advised to do so urgently.

The Board will issue all current and new Registration Certificates only up to 1st January 2017. After this date, only doctors possessing a GMC Licence will be allowed to practise.

ALLIED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

The effect of the amendment is that the requirement to be registered with the UK Regulator in order to practise in Gibraltar has been suspended <u>until 1st February 2017</u>, after which date it will become mandatory by law.

The amendments will mainly benefit the following groups of Allied Health Practitioners:

- Practitioners who have yet to apply for registration with their UK Regulator.
- Practitioners whose applications are under assessment by their UK Regulator.

Practitioners who are in the process of registering with their UK Regulator would be advised to continue to press on, while practitioners who have not begun the process would be advised to do so urgently.

All current and new Registration Certificates will only be issued until 1st February 2017. After this date, only practitioners registered with their respective UK regulator will be allowed to practise.

Chairman

Gibraltar Medical Registration Board