

LEGAL NOTICE No. 36

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE DENTAL PROFESSION ACT, 1980

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE COUNCIL WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTER UNDER
SECTION 45 OF THE DENTAL PROFESSION ACT, 1980

THE DENTAL REGULATIONS, 1981

- Citation 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Dental Regulations, 1981.
- Definitions 2. In these Regulations—
 "Board" means the Dental Board of Trinidad and Tobago;
 "Council" means the Council provided for by section 9 of the Act;
 "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Board.
- Board membership 3. A dentist or dental auxiliary may apply to the Board for membership in the manner prescribed by the Council.
- Council elections 4. Members of the Board may be elected to the Council by secret ballot at an election meeting.
- Notice of election meetings 5. The Secretary shall give not less than fourteen days notice in writing to all members of the Board of every meeting, stating the venue thereof, to be held for the purpose of an election or bye-election to the Council, and where the notice is delivered by post the address of members as shown in the Register or Roll shall be used.
- Venue of election meetings 6. Every meeting to be held for the purpose of an election or bye-election to the Council shall be held either at the registered office of the Board or at such other venue in Port-of-Spain as the Board may decide.
- Eligibility for membership of Council 7. (1) A member of the Board is ineligible for election to the Council where—
 (a) he is not resident in Trinidad and Tobago; or
 (b) he is not in good financial standing.
 (2) Nominations to the Council may be made and seconded only by members of the Board in good financial standing.
- Nominations 8. (1) The Board may decide whether nominations for election to the Council shall be made—
 (a) in writing to the Secretary prior to the election meeting;
 or

(b) at the election meeting.

(2) The decision of the Board is final.

9. (1) A member may resign from the Council by giving written ^{Resignation} notice of his resignation to the Secretary at least two months before the date on which the resignation is to take effect.

(2) The Council may, where it is satisfied that circumstances justify a shorter period of notice of resignation, accept a shorter period.

10. (1) A member may be removed from office by members of ^{Removal of member} the Council where—

(a) he is absent from two consecutive meetings of the Council without a reasonable excuse accepted by at least four members of the Council;

(b) he is guilty of unprofessional conduct;

(c) he is unable to function effectively as a member because of infirmity; or

(d) he defaults in the payment of fees prescribed by these Regulations.

(2) This regulation does not apply to the dentist holding the most senior dental post in the Ministry of Health who is *ex officio* a member of the Council.

11. (1) Where a vacancy occurs on the Council at least six months ^{Bye-elections} before the expiration of a term of office a bye-election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

(2) A member who is elected to the Council at a bye-election holds office for the remainder of the term of the member whom he succeeds.

12. (1) Meetings of the Council are to be held at least six times ^{Council meetings.....} a year at the office of the Council or at such other place as is indicated by the Secretary of the Council after consultation with the Chairman.

(2) Subject to regulation 5 the Secretary shall give notice in writing of every meeting of the Council to every member at least seven days before a meeting is convened, unless the meeting is one which is to be held within seven days of a previous meeting at which such date and time were fixed.

13. (1) A member of the Council may request a special meeting ^{Special meetings} of the Council, stating the purpose for which such a meeting is required.

(2) A request for a special meeting shall be supported by at least three other members.

(3) The Secretary shall within seven days of the receipt of the request, convene a special meeting.

Quorum

14. At every meeting of the Council five members, one of whom shall be the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman, constitute a quorum.

Board meetings

15. (1) The Council shall call an annual general meeting of the Board not later than December every year.

(2) At every annual general meeting of the Board reports from the President and the Treasurer shall be presented for the information of the Board.

Form

16. (1) Application for registration as a dentist shall be made in the form set out as Form D.R. 1 in the Schedule.

(2) Application forms may be obtained from the registered office of the Board.

Board of Examiners

17. The Council may appoint a Board of Examiners consisting of not less than six members at least four of whom shall be dentists.

Referral to Board of Examiners

18. (1) Where a person applies for registration as a dentist and—

(a) the Council considers the qualifications of the applicant insufficient to practise dentistry in Trinidad and Tobago; or

(b) a question arises about the diploma or certificate presented by the applicant,

the Council may refer the application to the Board of Examiners.

(2) On referral of an application, the Board of Examiners may recommend that the applicant take an examination following which the Board of Examiners may—

(a) recommend to the Council that the name of the applicant be entered in the Register; or

(b) recommend that the application be refused.

Examinations

19. (1) Examinations shall be conducted by the Board of Examiners in April and November of every year.

(2) The form of the examination may include any or all of the following—

(a) a written paper;

(b) clinical and oral examinations;

(c) a practical examination; or

(d) such other form as the Council may decide.

(3) A fee of one thousand dollars is payable by the applicant to the Treasurer of the Board before the applicant takes the examination.

20. An applicant for registration as a dentist who satisfies section 5 of the Act or who is recommended for registration by the Board of Examiners is entitled on payment of a fee of fifty dollars to be registered as a dentist. Requirements for registration

21. (1) An applicant for registration as a dentist may be required to appear in person before the Council or to furnish such satisfactory references as to character as the Council may require. Further requirements

(2) An applicant for registration as a dentist who is a national of Trinidad and Tobago shall obtain a Certificate of Identity and Good Character as set out in Form D.R. 1.

(3) A person applying for registration as a dentist who prior to his application has practised dentistry in a country other than Trinidad and Tobago shall furnish to the Council a letter or certificate of good standing from the governing dental body in the country in which he last practised dentistry.

22. (1) A dentist shall pay to the Council an initial fee of six hundred dollars to engage in the practice of dentistry and an annual practice fee of six hundred dollars. Fees payable and practice certificate

(2) A dentist who pays the annual practice fee is entitled to a Practice Certificate valid for the year in respect of which the practice fee is paid.

(3) The practice fee is payable in advance on or before the 31st day of December in the year preceding that for which the certificate is required.

(4) A dentist who fails to comply with paragraph (3) shall pay an additional practice fee of fifty dollars.

(5) A dentist employed in the Public Service and not allowed to engage in private practice because of his contract of service with the Government is exempted from paying the annual practice fee.

23. A dentist is entitled to a Certificate of Registration issued by the Council in the form set out in the Schedule as Form D.R. 2. Certificate of registration

24. (1) A dentist may apply to the Council for a Duplicate Certificate of Registration or a Duplicate Practice Certificate where the original is lost or destroyed. Duplicate Certificate

(2) An application for a Duplicate Certificate shall be in the form set out in the Schedule as Form D.R. 3.

(3) A dentist is entitled to a Duplicate Certificate for a fee of fifteen dollars.

(4) A Duplicate Certificate shall be clearly marked "Duplicate".

(5) A dentist who practises at more than one location is entitled to be issued with a Duplicate Certificate for each location but a fee of fifteen dollars is payable for each Duplicate.

Display of
Certificate

25. (1) The Certificate of Registration or Duplicate and the Practice Certificate or Duplicate shall be prominently displayed at all times in the reception area of the dentist's office.

(2) A dentist employed in the Public Service need not display his Certificate of Registration or his Practice Certificate when practising in a public office, clinic or other premises in the performance of his duties as a public officer.

Additional
or higher
qualification

26. Higher or additional qualifications may be entered in the Register on payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars.

Inspection
of register

27. The Register may be inspected at the registered office of the Board from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon Mondays to Saturdays on payment of a fee of five dollars.

Prohibition
against
advertising

28. (1) Subject to this Regulation and Regulation 29 a dentist may not advertise.

(2) A dentist may upon starting a practice for the first time in Trinidad and Tobago publish that fact in the press.

(3) The publication may not exceed one standard newspaper column in width and 2.5 cm in height, may not contain references to qualifications, procedures or equipment and may not appear for more than three days.

What
Constitutes
advertising

29. (1) Any publication by a dentist in a newspaper, broadcast or notice which includes—

- (a) the name or professional address of the dentist; or
- (b) an indication of his profession; or
- (c) an indication that he is in practice, may be regarded as advertising.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to entries in normal type in a telephone directory or books on scientific or professional subjects or articles or correspondence in professional journals.

Signs

30. (1) No dentist may erect on the premises where he practises more than two external signs indicating his vocational designation; one of which may be a suspended sign and one of which may be illuminated but not with an intermittent or neon type of illumination.

(2) The letters used on a sign may not exceed 10 cm in height.

Size of
letters

31. (1) Where an entrance sign is used words not exceeding 5 cm in height specifying office hours may be added to that sign.

(2) Where it is difficult to locate the dentist's office the words "Entrance On" may be added to the entrance sign.

Removal of
signs

32. The Council may in connection with a dental practice order the removal of any sign which by its nature, position, size or wording exceeds what is reasonably necessary to locate the premises where the dentist is practising.

33. A dentist is guilty of unprofessional conduct who— Unprofessional
conduct
- (a) employs the services of any person to engage in the practice of dentistry without the dentist satisfying himself that the person employed is authorised by law to engage in such practice;
 - (b) commits an offence under the Narcotic Control Ordinance involving the abuse of privileges conferred on dentists under that Ordinance; Ord. No. 27
of 1961
 - (c) commits an act of immorality, indecency or dishonesty or any other abuse of the professional relationship in which he stands to a patient;
 - (d) makes any statement or signs any certificate or other document in his capacity as a dentist which he knows or has reasonable cause to believe is misleading or otherwise improper;
 - (e) uses any title or description reasonably calculated to suggest that he possesses any professional status or qualifications other than one which he in fact possesses and which appears against his name in the Register;
 - (f) engages in practice in a name other than that under which he appears in the Register; or
 - (g) advertises or canvasses, whether directly or indirectly, for the purpose of obtaining patients or promoting his own professional advantage and this includes having any indication of his profession on the outside of any envelope being sent through the post.

SCHEDULE

FORM D.R. 1

DENTAL COUNCIL OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO For Office Use Only

115, ABERCROMBY STREET, PORT-OF-SPAIN,
TRINIDAD

Fee

Application form for Registration as a dentist under the Dental Profession Act, 1980.

Certificate No.

(To be completed by the applicant in his handwriting)

Registration Date

I hereby apply to be registered as a Dentist by virtue of the following qualifications—

Diploma(s)

Granting Authority

Granted on
(day, month, year)

Full name of applicant (in BLOCK letters, surname underlined)

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Place of Birth Date of Birth.....

..... Male Female Nationality.....

Permanent Address (to appear in Dental Register)

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Address to which Certificate of Registration is to be sent (if different from above).
 I declare that the foregoing particulars are correct, that I have not been suspended or disqualified or prohibited from practising dentistry or from being registered as a dentist in any country. I enclose a remittance of..... in payment of the fee prescribed by these Regulations.

Date.....19..... Signed.....

I wish to become a member of the Dental Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

I understand that only members of the Board are entitled to elect members of the Council or to become members of the Council.

Date..... Signed.....

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY AND GOOD CHARACTER

I
 (full name)

of
 (Address in Trinidad and Tobago)

.....
 certify that I am well acquainted with

.....
 (Name of Applicant)

that he is the person he states himself to be in the foregoing declaration and that he is a person of good character.

Signature.....

Date.....

Occupation.....

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FIRST REGISTRATION

1. Applicants for registration are required to appear in person before the Dental Council and to produce the following documents—

- (a) Passport of evidence of identification and nationality.
- (b) Original Diploma(s) in Dentistry.
- (c) where applicable, a certificate from the appropriate governing body in the last country in which he/she practised indicating that he/she is in good professional standing.

2. The attention of applicants is drawn to section 31(1) of the Act which reads—

“ 31. (1) A person not being a dentist or auxiliary who practises dentistry whether for reward or not is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for one year or to both such fine and imprisonment.”.

3. On being registered the applicant is entitled to a Certificate of Registration and a Practice Certificate for the year of Registration. Registration Certificates and the current Practice Certificate shall be prominently displayed in his/her reception area at all times.

ANNUAL FEE FOR RETENTION IN REGISTER

For the retention of his name in the Register after the expiry of the Practice Certificate obtained on Registration the dentist must pay an annual practice fee of six hundred dollars. Prior notice of the date of payment of the fee together with a form of application for retention will be sent to the dentist's registered address.

FORM D.R. 2

DENTAL COUNCIL OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
115, ABERCROMBY STREET
PORT-OF-SPAIN
TRINIDAD.

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

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of

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was duly admitted to practise Dentistry in Trinidad and Tobago on the

..... day of19.....

Registration No.

.....
President

.....
Secretary

SEAL

FORM D.R. 3

DENTAL COUNCIL OF TRINIDAD
AND TOBAGO

115, ABERCROMBY STREET
PORT-OF-SPAIN
TRINIDAD.

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Fee

Certificate No.

Date Granted.....

APPLICATION FORM FOR DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION
OR DUPLICATE PRACTICE CERTIFICATE

I hereby apply for a Duplicate Certificate of Registration or Duplicate Practice Certificate

I enclose a remittance of \$..... for each Certificate requested

Reason(s) for request

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Date.....19.....

Signed.....

Made by the Council this 9th day of December, 1981.

C. HARPER
Chairman

Approved by the Minister this 3rd day of March, 1982.

N. CONNELL
Minister

LEGAL NOTICE No. 37

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE ANTIBIOTIC ORDINANCE, CH. 12. NO. 8

APPROVED PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by section 5 of the Antibiotic Ordinance, Ch. 12. No. 8, the Minister of Health and Environment, on recommendations of the Antibiotic Control Committee, has added the following antibiotics that may be imported into Trinidad and Tobago:—

<i>Drug</i>	<i>Manufacture</i>	<i>Agent</i>
Diprogen Ointment Diprogen Cream	...Schering Canada, 3535 Trans-Canada, Pointe Claire, Que.	Alfred Telfer & Co., 195, Eastern Main Road, Barataria
Tyroco Throat Lozenges	...Arthur H. Cox & Co., Brookside, Rustington, Sussex, England	S & R Agencies Ltd., 8A, Stanmore Avenue, Port-of-Spain
Pseudorabies Vaccine	...Salisbury Labs., 2000 Rockford Road, Charles City, Iowa 50610, U.S.A.	Caribbean Livestock Products Ltd., 19B, Beetham Highway, Port-of-Spain
Rovamycin Soluable	...May & Baker Ltd., Dagenham, Essex, 107 XS, England	Starcross Hatcheries Ltd., $\frac{3}{4}$ mile post, Upper Santa Cruz
Gammalean	...M.T.C. Pharmaceuticals, Hamilton, Canada	Medi-Vet Trinidad, 119A, Woodford St., Port-of-Spain
Neo-Strep	... do.	... do.
Tenovaxin	...Sterwin Labs. Inc., Millsboro, Delaware, 19966, U.S.A.	Sterling Drug, Macya Road and C.R Highway, Tunapuna
Lincomix 4 gm/lb.Upjohn Co., 7000 Portage Road, Kalamazoo	Stokes & Bynoe Ltd., 26, Henry Street, Port-of-Spain
Lincomix 20 gm/lb.	...Michigan, U.S.A.	... do.
Bioso-M Liquid	... do.	... do.
Neomix 100	... do.	... do.
Neomix 325	... do.	... do.
Distaclor Capsules 250 mg	...Dista Products Ltd., Lilly Industries, Windlesham, Surrey, England	S & R Agencies Ltd., 8A, Stanmore Avenue, Port-of-Spain
Distaclor Suspension Granules, 125, 250 mg	do.	... do.

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<i>Drug</i>	<i>Manufacture</i>	<i>Agent</i>
Cefaclor Granules, 250, 500 mg	Eli Lilly & Co., Indianapolis: Eli Lilly Industries, Carolina, Puerto Rico, U.S.A.	S & R Agencies Ltd., 8A, Stanmore Avenue, Port-of-Spain
Cefaclor Suspension Granules, 125, 250 mg	do.	do.
Neo-128	...Salisbury Labs., Charles City, Iowa 50616 U.S.A.	Caribbean Livestock Products Ltd., 19B, Beetham Highway, Port-of-Spain
Forte Topical	...Upjohn Company, 7,000 Portage Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan, U.S.A.	Stokes & Bynoe Ltd., 26, Henry Street, Port-of-Spain
S.S. Lincocin 50, 100	... do.	... do.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 1982.

H. A. BLACKETT
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Health and Environment