

Law # 26 of 2002 on Medical and Pharmaceutical Professions

Enforcing Agency: the Ministry of Public Health and Population.

Objectives of the Law:

Article (3)

This Law aims at:

- 1- Setting up the legal bases for practicing medical and pharmaceutical professions in order to elaborate them and achieve the best medical and pharmaceutical services for citizens;
- 2- setting up the principles and standards required to end up the ill practices and actions in violation to the professional ethics; and
- 3- elevating the scientific, financial, and spiritual level of those who practice medical and pharmaceutical professions.

Relevant Articles:

Article (4)

It is prohibited to practice such professions except after licensing by the Medical Council. This also applies to invited and visitor doctors, who should be licensed before commencement of work in public and private institutions.

Article (5)

To acquire a license for practicing such a profession, the applicant must meet the following conditions:

- i. have a bachelor degree in human medicine, dentistry, or pharmacology from any accredited Yemeni university, or have an equivalent degree in such fields from accredited overseas colleges, provided that the degree has been approved by the Medical Council.
- ii. have spent the compulsory training period (concession).
- iii. have recited the medical oath.
- iv. have performed the rural compulsory service as specified by the Law.

- v. have had his/her name registered in the Council's registry.
- vi. have registered in the Union's records.
- vii. have not received a final judgment germane to honour and integrity unless rehabilitated.

Article (6)

The practitioners shall:

- i submit an application, using the forms prepared for such a purpose, to obtain the license.
- ii submit all required documents and pay all due fees.
- iii attend any test or interview regarding licensing.

Article (8)

The licensed person shall provide the Medical Council with a letter specifying his/her workplace address within one month as from commencement of the work. If the licensed person changes his/her workplace, he/she shall notify the council within two months as from leaving the previous workplace.

Article (9)

Any medical doctor may not work as a specialist except after acquiring a post-graduate specialist certificate (e.g. diploma, master, or equivalent) approved by the council.

Article (10)

The license shall be cancelled in case:

- a- it is not renewed;
- b- license holder has passed away;
- c- the license has been provisionally or totally cancelled under a grounded decision by the council.

Article (37)

Without prejudice to the penalties stipulated in this Law or other laws in force, any one who does not have a Yemeni nationality and does not conform to this Law shall be deported from the Republic of Yemen.