

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL ACT

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ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL ACT

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Allied Health Professionals Council Act 2017.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“allied health profession” means a profession specified in the first column of the First Schedule;

“allied health professional” means a person who is registered as such under section 17;

“annual fee” means the fee referred to in section 20;

“annual list” means the annual list of allied health professionals published under section 21;

“Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Council;

“Code of Practice” means the Code of Practice, for each allied health profession, prescribed under section 39;

“committee” means a committee set up by the Council under section 10;

“Council” means the Allied Health Professionals Council of Mauritius established under section 3;

“delegated power” means the power delegated to the Council by the Public Service Commission, under section 89(2)(b)(i) of the Constitution and subject to Part IVA of the [Public Service Commission Regulations](#), to enquire and report into any complaint of professional misconduct or negligence against an allied health professional appointed by the Public Service Commission;

[Amended 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]



“Disciplinary Tribunal” means the Disciplinary Tribunal set up under section 15 of the [Medical Council Act](#);

“effective date”, in relation to an application for registration under section 18, means the date by which all the information and documents specified in the application form, including such other additional document or information as the Registrar may require, are, to the satisfaction of the Registrar, submitted; [Inserted 12/23 (cio 20/7/23).]

“foreign allied health professional” means a person registered as such under section 18;

“member” –

(a) means a member of the Council; and

(b) includes the Chairperson;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of health is assigned;

“Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for the subject of health;

“officer” means an officer of the Council appointed as such under section 14;

“practising license” means a license issued under section 17 or 18, as the case may be;

“preliminary investigation” means an investigation carried out under section 25;

“professional misconduct or negligence”, in relation to an allied health professional, includes –

(a) a breach of the Code of Practice or Standards of Proficiency; [Am 12/23 (cio 20/7/23).]

(b) a failure to exercise due professional skill or care which results in injury to, or loss of life of, a person;

(c) a failure to exercise the proper and timely care expected from him;

(d) an act of fraud or dishonesty in the exercise of his calling;



- (e) an improper, a disgraceful, a dishonourable or an unworthy act, or any other act, which brings the allied health profession into disrepute;

[Inserted 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

“Registrar” means the Registrar of the Council appointed as such under section 12;

“resident” has the same meaning as in the [Immigration Act](#);

“Standards of Proficiency” means the guidelines established under section 5(da);

[Inserted 12/23 9cio 20/7/23).]

“visiting allied health professional” means a person registered as such under section 19.

[S. 2 amended by s. 2 of [Act 12 of 2019](#) w.e.f. 1 August 2019; s 3 of [Act 12 of 2023](#) w.e.f. 20 July 2023.]

PART II – THE ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL OF MAURITIUS

3. Establishment of Council

(1) There is established for the purposes of this Act the Allied Health Professionals Council of Mauritius.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate.

4. Objects of Council

The Council shall –

- (a) regulate the professional conduct of allied health professionals; and
- (b) promote the advancement of allied health professions.

5. Functions of Council

The Council shall –

- (a) register allied health professionals;



- (b) temporarily register non-citizens, other than non-citizens who are residents of Mauritius, as foreign allied health professionals or visiting allied health professionals;
- (c) exercise and maintain discipline in the allied health professions;
- (d) prescribe, for each allied health profession, a Code of Practice on standards of professional conduct and ethics, and monitor compliance therewith;
- (da) prescribe, for each allied health profession, Standards of Proficiency with a view to improving and enhancing the quality of care given to patients, and monitor compliance with such standards;
[Inserted 12/23 (cio 20/7/23).]
- (e)
 - (i) approve, conduct or cause to be conducted examinations, training courses, programmes, lectures, seminars or conferences, including continuing professional development courses or programmes, for allied health professionals;
 - (ii) approve the institutions or persons who will conduct the examinations, training courses, programmes, lectures, seminars or conferences, including continuing professional development courses or programmes;
- (f) cooperate with any other institution having objects wholly or partly similar to its objects;
- (g) publish the annual list;
- (h) advise the Minister on matters pertaining to this Act; and
- (i) perform such other functions as are conducive to its objects.

[S. 5 amended by s. 3 of [Act 12 of 2023](#) w.e.f. 20 July 2023.]



6. Powers of Council

The Council shall have such powers as may be necessary to discharge its functions most effectively and may, in particular –

- (a) enter into any contract or agreement;
- (b) set up a committee of appropriate persons to assist it in the exercise of its functions;
- (c) sell or exchange any property;
- (d) make or receive any grant or donation, other than to, or from, an allied health professional, a foreign allied health professional or a visiting allied health professional;
- (e) borrow money, other than from an allied health professional, a foreign allied health professional or a visiting allied health professional, and raise funds; and
- (f) collect or receive any fee, rental, interest or other sum which may lawfully accrue to it.

PART III – MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL

7. Composition of Council

- (1) The Council shall consist of –
 - (a) a Chairperson, having at least 5 years' experience as an allied health professional and elected from among allied health professionals;
 - (b) a representative of the Ministry;
 - (c) a representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
 - (d) a representative of the Attorney-General's Office;
 - (da) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;

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- (e) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of education;
 - (f) 2 persons who are not allied health professionals; and
 - (g) one allied health professional, from each of the cluster of allied health professionals specified in the Second Schedule, who has at least 5 years' experience as an allied health professional.
- (2) A member, other than an ex officio member –
- (a) referred to in subsection (1)(a) shall hold office for a term not exceeding 3 years;
 - (b) referred to in subsection (1)(f), shall –
 - (i) be appointed by the Minister; and
 - (ii) hold office for a term not exceeding 3 years and may be eligible for reappointment;
 - (c) referred to in subsection 1(g), shall –
 - (i) after consultation with the association or group which represents the interests of the allied health profession, be appointed by the Minister; and
 - (ii) hold office for a term not exceeding 3 years and may be eligible for reappointment for one additional term.

(3) The names of the members of the Council shall be published in the Gazette as soon as possible after the Council is constituted.

(4) Every member shall be paid such fee or allowance as the Council may, with the approval of the Minister, determine.

[S.7 amended by s. 3 of [Act 12 of 2023](#) w.e.f. 20 July 2023.]

8. Vacancy in membership of Council

- (1) A member, other than an ex officio member, shall cease to hold office –
- (a) on completion of his term of office; or



(b) on his resignation, by notice in writing given to the Registrar.

(2) Where a member referred to in section 7(1)(a), (f) or (g) resigns, his seat shall become vacant as from the date on which the Registrar receives the notice.

(3) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Council, the vacancy shall be filled, in the case of a member who is appointed by the Minister, by a fresh appointment.

(4) A person appointed under subsection (3) shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the person whom he replaces.

9. Meetings of Council

(1) The Council shall meet as often as the Chairperson may determine but at least once every 2 months at such time and place as he may determine.

(2) At any meeting of the Council, 7 members shall constitute a quorum.

(3) Where the Chairperson is absent from a meeting of the Council, the members present shall elect one of the members, who shall be an allied health professional, to chair the meeting.

(4) (a) A special meeting of the Council –

(i) may be convened by the Chairperson at any time; or

(ii) shall be convened by the Registrar within 7 days of the receipt of a request in writing signed by not less than 7 members.

(b) Any request made under paragraph (a)(ii) shall specify the purpose for which the special meeting is to be convened.

(5) The Council may, where it considers necessary, co-opt such other persons with relevant expertise not already available to the Council, to assist it in relation to any matter before it.



10. Committees

(1) The Council may set up such committees as may be necessary to assist it in the discharge of its functions consisting of at least one member of the Council and such other persons as may be co-opted by the Council.

(2) A committee shall –

(a) meet –

(i) as often as is necessary at such time and place as the chairperson of the committee may determine; or

(ii) as and when required by the Council;

(b) regulate its meetings and proceedings in such manner as it may determine; and

(c) submit a report to the Council within such time as the Council may determine.

11. Disclosure of interest

(1) Where any member, or any person related to the member by blood or marriage, has any pecuniary or other material interest in, or in relation to, any matter before the Council or a committee, that member shall –

(a) disclose the nature of the interest before or at the meeting convened to discuss the matter; and

(b) not take part in any deliberations relating to that matter.

(2) A disclosure of interest made under subsection (1) shall be recorded in the minutes of proceedings of the meeting of the Council or committee, as the case may be.

12. Registrar

(1) There shall be a Registrar who shall be appointed by the Council on such terms and conditions as the Council may determine.

(2) The Registrar shall be an allied health professional having at least 5 years' experience as an allied health professional.



(3) The Registrar shall be responsible for –

- (a) the proper administration of the Council;
- (b) executing all decisions of the Council; and
- (c) performing such other duties as the Council may assign to him.

(4) The Registrar shall act as Secretary to the Council and shall, for every meeting of the Council –

- (a) give notice of the meeting to the members;
- (b) prepare and attend the meeting; and
- (c) keep minutes of proceedings of the meeting.

(5) The Registrar may also be required to act as the treasurer of the Council.

(6) The Registrar shall have such other functions as may be conferred upon him by the Council.

(7) Where the Registrar is for any reason unable to discharge his functions, the Council may appoint another person to act as Registrar.

13. Delegation

The Council may, subject to such instructions as it may give, delegate to the Registrar such of its functions and powers as may be necessary for the effective management of the day to day business and activities of the Council, other than the power to –

- (a) sell or exchange any property;
- (b) make or receive any grant or donation;
- (c) borrow money or raise funds.



14. Officers of Council

(1) The Council may, on such terms and conditions as it may determine, appoint such officers as it considers necessary for the proper discharge of its functions.

(2) The Council shall make provision to govern the conditions of service of its officers and, in particular, to deal with –

- (a) the appointment, dismissal, discipline, pay and leave of, and the security to be given to, officers;
- (b) appeals by officers against dismissal and any other disciplinary measure.

(3) Every officer shall be under the administrative control of the Registrar.

15. Powers of Minister

(1) The Minister may give such directions of a general nature to the Council, not inconsistent with this Act, as he considers necessary in the public interest, and the Council shall comply with the directions.

(2) The Minister may require the Council to furnish any information or document in respect of its activities, and the Council shall supply such information or document.

PART IV – REGISTRATION OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, FOREIGN ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND VISITING ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Sub-Part A – Practice of Allied Health Profession

16. Practice of allied health profession

No person shall practise an allied health profession unless he is –

- (a) registered as an allied health professional; or
- (b) temporarily registered as a foreign allied health professional or visiting allied health professional.



Sub-Part B – Allied Health Professional

17. Registration as allied health professional

(1) A person may be registered as an allied health professional where he –

- (a) satisfies the Council that he –
 - (i) is a citizen, or resident, of Mauritius;
 - (ii) has not been convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty in any country; and
 - (iii) has not been disqualified or deregistered as an allied health professional on account of professional misconduct or negligence in any country;

[Amended 12/19 (cio 1/8/19);]

- (b) holds the appropriate qualification and experience specified in the second column of the First Schedule in respect of the allied health profession he wishes to practise;
- (c) satisfies the Council that his qualifications are recognised in the country where he has studied and would have entitled him to practise as an allied health professional in that country; and
- (d) pays such registration fee as may be prescribed.

(2) An application for registration as an allied health professional shall be made to the Registrar in such form and manner as the Council may determine, and shall be accompanied by –

- (a) the applicant's birth certificate and National Identity Card or any other acceptable proof of his identity;
- (b) the original or a certified copy of the applicant's degree, diploma or equivalent qualification;
- (c) such processing fee as may be prescribed; and
- (d) such additional document or information the Registrar may require.



(3) On receipt of an application made under subsection (2), the Registrar shall refer the application to the Council for its determination.

(4) (a) The Council may, where it considers necessary, call an applicant for an interview.

(b) The Council shall, within 30 days of the receipt of an application, grant or reject the application and it shall notify the applicant of its decision.

(5) (a) Where the Council grants an application, it shall, on payment of such registration fee as may be prescribed, register the applicant as an allied health professional and issue to him a practising licence, subject to such terms and conditions as the Council may determine.

(b) Subject to this Act, a practising licence issued under this section shall be valid for a period of one year and may be renewed subject to the payment of such annual fee as may be prescribed.

(c) Where the Council is satisfied that an allied health professional has damaged or lost his practising licence, it may, on payment of such fee as may be prescribed, issue a duplicate practising licence to him.

(d) Where the name of an allied health professional is removed from the register, his practising licence shall cease to be in force.

[S. 17 amended by s. 2 of [Act 12 of 2019](#) w.e.f. 1 August 2019.]

Sub-Part C – Foreign Allied Health Professional

18. Temporary registration as foreign allied health professional

(1) A non-citizen may be temporarily registered as a foreign allied health professional where he –

(a) undertakes to work in a company or other body where the relevant expertise required in the allied health profession is not available in Mauritius;

(b) holds a work permit, is exempted from holding a permit under the [Non-Citizens \(Employment Restriction\) Act](#) or holds an occupation permit under section 9A of the [Immigration Act](#);



- (c) satisfies the requirements referred to in section 17(1)(a)(ii) to (iv), (b) and (c); and
- (d) pays such registration fee as may be prescribed.

(2) An application for registration as a foreign allied health professional shall be made to the Registrar in such form and manner as the Council may determine, and shall be accompanied by –

- (a) the applicant's birth certificate and, where necessary, his passport;
- (b)
 - (i) the original or a certified copy of the applicant's degree, diploma or equivalent qualification; and
 - (ii) where applicable, a certified translation in English or French of his degree, diploma or equivalent qualification, where such qualification is in a language other than English or French;
- (c) documentary evidence that the applicant's expertise in the allied health profession is not available in Mauritius;
- (d) the applicant's work permit, where applicable, or occupation permit;
- (e) such processing fee as may be prescribed; and
- (f) such additional document or information as the Registrar may require.

(3) On receipt of an application made under subsection (2), the Registrar shall refer the application to the Council for its determination.

(4) (a) The Council shall, where it considers necessary, call an applicant for an interview.

(b) –
[R 12/23 (cio 20/7/23).]

(4A) (a) An application under this section shall, within 30 working days of the effective date, be determined.



(b) Where an application is not determined within 30 working days of the effective date, the application shall be deemed to have been granted.

[Inserted 12/23 (cio 20/7/23).]

(5) (a) Where the Council grants an application, it shall, on payment of such registration fee as may be prescribed, temporarily register the applicant as a foreign allied health professional and issue to him a practising licence, subject to such terms and conditions as the Council may determine.

(b) Subject to this Act, a practising licence issued under this section shall be valid for a period of one year and may be renewed subject to the payment of such annual fee as may be prescribed.

(c) Where the Council is satisfied that a foreign allied health professional has damaged or lost his practising licence, it may, on payment of such fee as may prescribed, issue a duplicate practising licence to him.

(d) Where the name of a foreign allied health professional is removed from the register, his practising licence shall cease to be in force.

[S. 18 amended by s. 3 of [Act 12 of 2023](#) w.e.f. 20 July 2023.]

Sub-Part D – Visiting Allied Health Professional

19. Temporary registration of visiting allied health professional

(1) A non-citizen may be temporarily registered as a visiting allied health professional where –

- (a) he is engaged in Mauritius in the implementation of a Government scheme agreed upon by the Government of Mauritius and the World Health Organisation or any other similar international agency;
- (b) he has been invited to offer his services under a scheme approved by the Ministry; or
- (c) he visits Mauritius for the purpose of teaching, research or study in an allied health profession under a scheme approved by the Government of Mauritius.

(2) The Ministry shall, on behalf of the non-citizen, make all necessary arrangements for him to be temporarily registered as a visiting allied health professional with the Council.



(3) A visiting allied health professional shall be exempted from the payment of any fee prescribed under this Act.

Sub-Part E – Annual Fee

20. Annual fee

(1) Subject to subsection (2), every allied health professional or foreign allied health professional shall, on or before 31 January in every year, pay to the Registrar such annual fee as may be prescribed, in respect of the year commencing on 1 January of that year.

(2) Where an allied health professional or a foreign allied health professional fails to comply with subsection (1), he shall be liable to pay the annual fee, together with a surcharge of 50 per cent of the annual fee, by 15 February in the year in respect of which the fee is due.

(3) Where an allied health professional or a foreign allied health professional fails to pay the annual fee together with the surcharge required under subsection (2), the Council may deregister that allied health professional or foreign allied health professional.

(4) Where an allied health professional or a foreign allied health professional is deregistered under subsection (3), the Council shall cause the Registrar to remove the name and other particulars of that allied health professional or foreign allied health professional from the appropriate register.

(5) The Council may, where an allied health professional or a foreign allied health professional is deregistered under subsection (3), restore the name and other particulars of that allied health professional or foreign allied health professional on the appropriate register on good cause shown and on payment of the annual fee together with its surcharge.



Sub-Part F – Annual List

21. Annual list

(1) The Registrar shall, not later than the end of February in every year, transmit to the Minister an annual list of all allied health professionals registered for that year, including foreign allied health professionals and visiting allied health professionals temporarily registered for that year.

(2) The Council shall, not later than 15 March in every year, publish in the Gazette the annual list referred to in subsection (1).

Sub-Part G – Register

22. Register

(1) The Registrar shall keep a register in respect of allied health professionals, foreign allied health professionals and visiting allied health professionals, or such other register as may be necessary, in such form and manner as the Council may determine.

(2) The Registrar shall, in respect of every allied health professional, foreign allied health professional and visiting allied health professional, enter in the appropriate register –

- (a) his name, his address, his qualification and any other relevant particulars;
- (b) any change in his particulars;
- (c) where he is suspended or deregistered, an annotation to that effect;
- (d) such other particulars as the Council may determine.

(3) (a) Subject to subsection (2), where after registration, an allied health professional obtains any additional qualification in respect of his profession, the Council may, on application made by the allied health professional, add the additional qualification to the allied health professional's particulars in the appropriate register.

(b) An application made under paragraph (a) shall be accompanied by such fee as may be prescribed.



Sub-Part H – Continuing Professional Development

23. Continuing professional development

(1) Notwithstanding section 20 and subject to subsection (2), no person, other than a visiting allied health professional, shall have his name on the annual list unless he has followed, in such manner as may be prescribed, continuing professional development courses or programmes.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to an allied health professional or foreign allied health professional who is excused by the Council on such ground as may be prescribed.

PART V – DISCIPLINE

24. Interpretation of Part V

In this Part –

“allied health professional” includes –

- (a) an allied health professional in respect of whom the Council holds a delegated power;
- (b) a foreign allied health professional; and
- (c) a visiting allied health professional.

25. Preliminary investigation by Council

(1) The Council may investigate into any complaint of professional misconduct or negligence against an allied health professional, including an allied health professional in respect of whom it holds a delegated power.

[RR 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

- (2) Where the Council investigates a complaint under subsection (1), it –
- (a) shall notify the allied health professional whose conduct, act or omission is under investigation, of the nature of the complaint against him;
 - (b) may visit or inspect the premises where the alleged professional misconduct or negligence has occurred;



[Amended 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

- (c) may summon and hear the allied health professional who shall be given an opportunity of being assisted by a legal representative of his choice;
- (d) may summon and hear witnesses;
- (e) may call for the communication or production of any relevant record, document or article; and
- (f) shall submit its report not later than 3 months as from the date the investigation starts.

(3) Where, in the course of a preliminary investigation, any person refuses to give evidence, or to communicate or produce any record, document or article, on the ground of confidentiality, the Registrar may apply to the Judge in Chambers for an order directing that person to disclose the evidence, or to communicate or produce the record, document or article required for the purpose of the investigation.

[Amended 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

(4) Where the Judge is satisfied that the evidence, record, document or article sought is bona fide required for the purpose of the preliminary investigation, he may make an order under subsection (4).

[Amended 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

(5) (a) The Council may, for the purpose of a preliminary investigation, appoint a committee consisting of not less than 3 members.

(b) Any member who –

- (i) is closely related to an allied health professional whose conduct, act or omission is under preliminary investigation; or
- (ii) has any pecuniary or other personal interest in the subject-matter of a preliminary investigation,

shall disclose his relationship or interest, as the case may be, and refrain from participating in the investigation.

[S. 25 amended by s. 2 of [Act 12 of 2019](#) w.e.f. 1 August 2019.]

26. Disciplinary proceedings



(1) (a) Where, after having carried out a preliminary investigation, the Council determines that there is prima facie evidence of professional misconduct or negligence against the allied health professional, the Council may, subject to subsection (3), institute disciplinary proceedings against him before the Disciplinary Tribunal.

(b) Where disciplinary proceedings are instituted under paragraph (a), the Council shall, at the same time, notify the Ministry thereof.

(2) Where, upon a determination under subsection (1), the Council considers that the conduct, act or omission of the allied health professional is of such a serious nature that he should, in the public interest, instantly cease to practise, the Council –

(a) may, in the case of an allied health professional in respect of whom the Council does not hold a delegated power, suspend him temporarily as an allied health professional for a period not exceeding such time as the Council –

(i) takes any disciplinary measures against him under section 28(4); or

(ii) gives him notice, under section 28(6)(a), that the charge against him has not been proved; or

(b) shall, in the case of an allied health professional in respect of whom the Council holds a delegated power, report the temporary suspension to the Public Service Commission for the Commission's decision on any such suspension.

(3) Where, pursuant to subsection (2)(a), the Council suspends an allied health professional temporarily, it shall, not later than 7 days of such suspension, institute disciplinary proceedings against him before the Disciplinary Tribunal.

[S. 26 amended by s. 2 of [Act 12 of 2019](#) w.e.f. 1 August 2019.]



27. Membership of Disciplinary Tribunal

(1) Notwithstanding section 15(1)(b) of the [Medical Council Act](#), in relation to a matter referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal under section 26, the Tribunal shall consist of its President and, subject to subsection (2), 2 members, appointed by the Minister, of whom one shall be from the public sector and one from the private sector, and who shall be allied health professionals with not less than 10 years' experience.

[Amended 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

(2) The Minister shall not appoint a member of the Council as a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal.

[Amended 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

(3) (a) Any person appointed under subsection (1) shall hold office for a period of 3 years and may be eligible for reappointment.

(b) Any person who has, prior to the commencement of this subsection, been appointed under subsection (1) shall, on the commencement of this subsection, continue to hold office for a period of 3 years.

[Added 12/23 (cio 20/7/23).]

[S. 27 amended by s. 2 of [Act 12 of 2019](#) w.e.f. 1 August 2019; s.3 of [Act 12 of 2023](#) w.e.f. 20 July 2023.]

28. Disciplinary measures

(1) The Disciplinary Tribunal shall, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings instituted against an allied health professional, hear and determine the matter not later than 90 days after the start of the hearing of the proceedings, except where there is a valid reason, and with the consent of the parties.

[RR 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

(1A) The Disciplinary Tribunal shall, not later than 3 days after a determination under subsection (1), forward to the Council its report and a copy of its proceedings, including any record, document or article produced.

[Inserted 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

(2) The report under subsection (1A) shall include –

[Amended 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]



- (a) a finding as to whether the charge has been proved or not, and the reasons for such finding;
- (b) details of any matter which, in the Disciplinary Tribunal's opinion, aggravates or alleviates the gravity of the charge; and
- (c) a summing up and such comments as will indicate clearly the opinion of the Disciplinary Tribunal on the subject matter of the disciplinary proceedings.

(3) The Disciplinary Tribunal shall not, in its report, make any recommendation regarding the form of disciplinary measure.

(4) Where the report is in relation to an allied health professional, other than an allied health professional in respect of whom the Council holds a delegated power, and states that the charge has been proved, the Council may, not later than 14 days after receipt of the report –

- (a) administer him a reprimand or a severe reprimand;
- (b) suspend him as an allied health professional for a period not exceeding 2 years; or
- (c) deregister him as an allied health professional.

[RR 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

(5) (a) Where the report is in relation to an allied health professional in respect of whom the Council holds a delegated power, the Council shall submit its own report to the Public Service Commission, in accordance with regulation 46E of the [Public Service Commission Regulations](#).

- (b) Where the punishment inflicted by the Public Service Commission on an allied health professional, in respect of whom the Council holds a delegated power, is dismissal or retirement in the interest of the public service, the Council shall, not later than 14 days of the decision of the Public Service Commission, determine whether or not it shall suspend or deregister him as an allied health professional.

[RR 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

(6) Where there is finding that the charge has not been proved against the allied health professional, the Council shall, not later than 14 days after receipt of the report –



- (a) notify the allied health professional, in writing, of such finding; and
- (b) where the Council holds a delegated power in respect of the allied health professional, send a copy of the notice required under paragraph (a) to the Public Service Commission.

[RR 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

[S. 28 amended by s. 2 of [Act 12 of 2019](#) w.e.f. 1 August 2019.]

29. Other disciplinary measures

(1) Without any of the proceedings provided for in section 25, 26 or 28 being instituted, the Council may, where an allied health professional has been convicted of an offence and is serving a sentence of imprisonment or penal servitude

—

- (a) suspend him as an allied health professional for such time as the Council may determine; or
- (b) give him an opportunity to show cause why he shall not be deregistered as an allied health professional.

(2) The Registrar shall cause any suspension or deregistration under this Act to be published in the Gazette and in 2 daily newspapers.

30. Summary proceedings

Where the Council is satisfied, after having carried out a preliminary investigation against an allied health professional, other than an allied health professional in respect of whom it holds a delegated power, that he has committed an act or omission which, in its opinion, is not considered to be of a serious nature, it may, notwithstanding section 26(1)(a), inflict upon him a warning or severe warning.

[Amended 12/19 (cio 1/8/19).]

[S. 30 amended by s. 2 of [Act 12 of 2019](#) w.e.f. 1 August 2019.]



31. Name and other particulars removed from register

(1) The Council shall cause the Registrar to remove from the appropriate register the name and other particulars of any allied health professional who has been deregistered as an allied health professional.

(2) Where the name and other particulars of an allied health professional have been removed from the appropriate register, the name and other particulars of that person shall not be restored to the register except by order of the Council or of the Supreme Court, as the case may be.

(3) The Council may, on its own motion or on application of the allied health professional and after holding such inquiry as it may determine, cause his name and other particulars to be restored to the appropriate register.

PART VI – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

32. General Fund

The Council shall set up a General Fund –

(a) into which shall be paid –

(i) any grant, donation and contribution received by it;

(ii) any fee, rental or interest; and

(iii) any other sum which may lawfully accrue to it;

(b) out of which all payments required to be made by the Council shall be effected.

33. Donations

Article 910 of the [Code Civil Mauricien](#) shall not apply to the Council.

34. Audit

(1) The Council shall keep proper accounts of all sums received or paid.

(2) The accounts for each financial year shall be audited by a licensed auditor appointed by the Council.

(3) In this section –



“financial year” has the same meaning as in section 2A of the [Finance and Audit Act](#);

“licensed auditor” has the same meaning as in the [Financial Reporting Act](#).

PART VII – MISCELLANEOUS

35. Protection from liability

No liability, civil or criminal, shall lie against the Council, the Registrar, any member or officer, in respect of any act done or omitted by it or him in good faith in the discharge of its or his functions, or in the exercise of its or his powers, under this Act.

36. Confidentiality

(1) The Registrar, any member or officer shall not, during or after his relationship with the Council, use or disclose any matter which comes to his knowledge in the discharge of his functions, except for the purposes of administering this Act.

(2) Any person who, without lawful excuse, contravenes subsection (1), shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months.

37. Review of decision of Council

A person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Council –

- (a) not to register him; or
- (b) to take any disciplinary measure against him,

may apply for a judicial review of the decision in accordance with Sub-part VIA of Part II of the [Courts Act](#).

[S. 37 repealed and replaced by s. 4 of [Act 27 of 2025](#) w.e.f. 5 January 2026.]



38. Offences

(1) Any person who –

- (a) wilfully and falsely pretends to be an allied health professional, a foreign allied health professional or a visiting allied health professional;
- (b) takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is registered to practise any of the allied health professions,

shall commit an offence.

(2) Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with any requirement lawfully imposed by the Council –

- (a) for his attendance before such Council;
- (b) for the giving of evidence; or
- (c) for the production of documents,

shall commit an offence.

(3) Any person who procures or attempts to procure the entry of any name on a register established under this Act by wilfully making or producing or causing to be made or produced, either verbally or in writing, any declaration, certificate or representation which he knows to be false or fraudulent, shall commit an offence.

(4) Any person who is convicted of an offence shall be liable to a fine of not exceeding 10,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months.

39. Regulations

(1) The Minister may, for the purposes of this Act, make such regulations as he thinks fit.

(2) Any regulations made under subsection (1) shall be made after consultation with the Council.

(3) Any regulations made under subsection (1) may provide –

- (a) for the Code of Practice;



(ab) for the Standards of Proficiency;

[Inserted 12/23 (cio 20/7/23).]

(b) for the levying of fees and the taking of charges;

(c) for the amendment of the Schedules;

(d) that any person who contravenes them shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months.

[S. 39 amended by s. 3 of [Act 12 of 2023](#) w.e.f. 20 July 2023.]

40. Transitional provisions

(1) A person who, at the commencement of this Act, has, to the satisfaction of the Council, practised an allied health profession but does not hold the qualification and experience specified in the First Schedule in respect of that profession –

(a) may, notwithstanding this Act, continue to practise that profession for a period of 10 years from the commencement of this Act; and

[Am 11/24 (cio 27/7/24)]

(b) shall, where he wishes to be registered with the Council as an allied health professional, pass such examination as may be conducted by an internationally recognised institution.

(2) Where this Act does not make provision for any transition, the Minister may make such regulations as may be necessary for such transition.

[S. 40 amended by s. 3 of [Act 11 of 2024](#) w.e.f. 27 July 2024.]

41. Commencement

(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

(2) Different dates may be fixed for the coming into operation of different sections of this Act.



FIRST SCHEDULE
[Sections 2, 17 and 40]

1. The qualifications of an allied health professional specified in the second column of the hereunder table shall be as set out in the third column thereof –

SN	PROFESSION	QUALIFICATIONS	COUNTRY	
1.	Audiologist	Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Science	Australia	
		and		
		Master of Audiology		
		or		
		Master of Clinical Audiology		
		or		
		Master of Audiology Studies		
		or		
		Master of Hearing Science		
		or		
		Master of Clinical Audiology and Doctor of Philosophy		
		Bachelor in Audiology		Belgium
		Master in Audiology		
		Masters of Science in Audiology		Canada
or				
Maîtrise en audiologie				
or				
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Maîtrise professionnelle en audiologie

or

Canada

Maîtrise en sciences de l'audiologie

Master en biotechnologie (audiologie et trouble du langage)

France

Bachelor of Science in Audiology and Speech Therapy

or

Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Science

or

Bachelor of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology

or

Bachelor of Science (Speech and Hearing)

or

Bachelor of Science (Audiology and Speech Rehabilitation)

or

Bachelor of Science Hearing, Language and Speech

or

Bachelor of Arts Audiology and Speech Language Pathology

Bachelor Degree in Audiology

or

India



Bachelor of Art in Audiology

or

Bachelor of Communication Pathology
(Audiology)

or

Bachelor in Speech-Language Pathology
and Audiology

or

Bachelor of Science in Audiology

or

South Africa

Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Therapy

or

Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing
Therapy

or

Bachelor in Speech Therapy and
Audiology

or

Bachelor of Art in Logopaedics (before
1965)

or

Bachelor of Science in Logopaedics
(before 1965)

or

Bachelor in Logopaedics



- or
- Bachelor of Art in Speech and Hearing Therapy South Africa
- Master Degree in Audiology
- or
- Master in Audiological Science } Switzerland
- Bachelor of Arts Audiology
- or
- Bachelor of Science – Healthcare Science (Audiology)
- or
- Bachelor of Science in Audiology
- or
- Master of Audiology } United Kingdom
- or
- Master in Advanced Hearing Therapy Practice
- or
- Master in Advanced Audiology Studies
- or
- Master of Philosophy in Audiology and Hearing Disability Research United Kingdom
- Master of Arts in Audiology (before 2010)



or

Master of Science in Audiology (before 2010)

or

Master of Science in Speech Therapy and Audiology (before 2010)

United States of America

or

Doctor of Audiology

or

Doctor of Philosophy in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences

2. Chiropractor

(1) General Chiropractor

Chiropractic degree (BAC or HSC + 5-6 years study) issued by an institution accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) Europe, USA, Canada or Australia

(2) Chiropractic Specialist

A General Chiropractor qualification

and

Post-graduate Diploma (2 years issued by a recognised Board of Specialist Chiropractors

or

Master's Degree (3 years) issued by an institution accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) Europe, USA, Canada or Australia



3. Clinical Scientist Bachelor Degree in the field of Biochemistry, Haematology, Microbiology, Biomedical Sciences (Pathology field) or Medical Biosciences (pathology field) or Medical Sciences

and

Master's Degree in the field of Medical/Clinical Biochemistry, Haematology, Immunology, Medical Microbiology, Virology, Biomedical Sciences (pathology field), Laboratory Medicine, Molecular and Cellular Biology (Pathologyfield) or Medical Sciences (Pathology field)

or

Bachelor Degree in the field of Biochemistry, Haematology, Microbiology, Biomedical Sciences (Pathology field) or Medical Biosciences (pathology field) or Medical Sciences

and

MPhil (Res) Biochemistry/Clinical Biochemistry, Clinical/Medical Microbiology, Clinical/Medical Virology or Haematology or Immunology or related field of pathology.

or

Bachelor Degree in the field of Biochemistry, Haematology, Microbiology, Biomedical Sciences (Pathology field) or Medical Biosciences (pathology field) or Medical Sciences

and



PhD in Medical Sciences, Biochemistry/Clinical Biochemistry, Medical/Clinical Virology, Medical/Clinical Microbiology or haematology or Immunology or related field of pathology

Note –

All above qualifications must include at least 2 years of clinical training in the relevant field during or after academic years

4. Counsellor

Bachelor Degree in Psychology or Social Work or Education or Nursing or Medicine

and

Master's Degree course in Counselling (2 years full time) with documented supervised clinical training of a minimum of 400 hours during their course)

or

Bachelor Degree in Psychology or Social Work or Education or Nursing or Medicine

and

Master 2 or DESS level (BAC or HSC + 5 years studies) in Counselling or Pastoral Care and Counselling (both of the above with documented supervised clinical training of a minimum of 400 hours during their course)

5. Dietitian

Bachelor degree in Human Nutrition and Dietetics, or in Nutrition and Dietetics, or in Dietetics

or



Bachelor degree in Home Science or a science subject with a postgraduate qualification in Dietetics or Diet Therapy

or

Bachelor degree in Food and Nutrition, with Dietetics integrated in the course,

or

Bachelor Degree in Nutritional Sciences with Specialisation in Dietetics

or

Brevet de Technicien Supérieur (BTS) Diététique (before 2021) et Licence Professionnelle spécialité Aliments – Santé

or

Diplôme Universitaire de Technologie (DUT) Génie Biologique option Diététique (before 2021) et Licence Professionnelle spécialité Aliments - Santé

or

Bachelier Universitaire de Technologie (BUT) Diététique et Nutrition (2021 onwards)

Note –

Qualifications to include a minimum of 6 months or 700 hours of full-time structured and assessed clinical training



6. Medical Imaging Technologist Certificate in Diagnostic Radiography issued by the Ministry of Health and Wellness up to 2012
- or
- Diploma in Medical Imaging Technology
- or
- Diploma in Radiodiagnosis/
Radiodiagnostic Technology
- or
- Diploma in Radiography Technology
- or
- Diploma in Medical Radiography
Technology
- or
- Diploma in Medical X-ray Technology
- or
- Bachelor of Science (Radiology and
Imaging Technology)
- or
- Bachelor of Science in Radiology (lateral)
- or
- Bachelor of Radiologic Technology
- or
- Bachelor of Science Radiological Imaging
Technology



or

Other qualification(s) in Medical Imaging Technology or Radiological Techniques and Procedures with equivalence to the Diploma in Medical Imaging Technology as approved by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Mauritius

7. Medical Laboratory Technologist Bachelor Degree in Biomedical Sciences (Pathology/laboratory Medicine field) with one year's experience in a medical laboratory

or

Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology from the University of Mauritius + 10 years' experience in a medical laboratory

or

Diploma in Biomedical Sciences + at least 5 years' experience in a medical laboratory provided registrants follow BSc upgrading from a recognised institution within a nonrenewable 5-year period post-registration

or

Other foreign Qualifications attested equivalent to the BSc Biomedical Sciences by the Higher Education Commission of Mauritius

8. Nutritionist Bachelor degree in Human Nutrition or Nutrition (core content focused on Human nutrition)

or

BSc (Hons) Nutritional Sciences



or

Bachelor Degree in Home Science or Home Economics or Food Science with Human Nutrition as core content

or

Brevet de Technicien Supérieur(BTS) Diététique (before 2021)

or

Diplôme Universitaire de Technologie (DUT) Génie Biologique option Diététique (before 2021)

9. Occupational Therapist

Diploma in Occupational Therapy obtained before 2012 and recognised by the World Federation of Occupational Therapist

or

BSc Hons Degree (Occupational Therapy)

or

Diplôme d'Etat d'ergothérapeute conférant le grade de Licence (système LMD)

or

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

or

Bachelor of Applied Science (OT)

or



Bachelor of Health Science/Master of Occupational Therapy

or

Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)

or

Continuum *baccalauréat – maîtrise en ergothérapie*

or

Continuum Baccalaureate/Master Occupational Therapy (Bacc/MOT)

Or

Bachelor of Science Rehabilitation Therapy (Occupational Therapy)

or

Bachelier en Ergothérapie

Note –

All qualifications recognized by WFOT and must include 1,000 hours of clinical training

10. Prosthetist and Orthotist (Orthopaedic Technician) *Brevet de Technicien Supérieur Prothésiste Orthésiste*

or

Diploma in Prosthetics and Orthotics (minimum of 3 years training).

or



Bachelor degree in Prosthetics and Orthotics

or

Master degree in Prosthetics and Orthotics

11. Osteopath

BSc (Hons) Osteopathic Medicine

or

Bachelor of Osteopathy (B.Ost.)

or

BSc (Hons) Osteopathy

or

Diploma in Osteopathy (D.O.)

or

Master in Osteopathy (MSc Osteopathy)

or

MSc. Osteopathic Medicine

or

Diplômée en Ostéopathie (D.O)

or

Diplomée en Medecine + Ostéopathie

or

a minimum of 4 years' study from a recognised University or osteopathic training school approved by the Ministry of Health of the country of studies



12. Physiotherapist Diploma in Physiotherapy before 1990

or

Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy

or

Diplôme d'Etat de Kinésithérapeute

or

Diplôme d'Etat de Masso-kinésithérapeute/Masseur-kinésithérapeute

or

Diplôme en Physiothérapie

or

Bachelier or Master en Kinésithérapie

or

Bachelor's Qualification degree in Kinesytherapy

or

Bachelor of Health Science & Master in Physiotherapy practice

or

Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy

or

Bachelor in Physiotherapy (BPT)

or



Bachelor Degree accredited by the World Physiotherapy

Note –

All above qualifications must include at least 1,000 hours of clinical training

13. Podiatrist

Diplôme d'État de Pédicurie-Podologie

or

Bachelor Degree in Podiatry

or

Bachelier en Podologie-Podothérapie

14. Psychologist

Bachelor Degree in Psychology

and

Master's Degree in Psychology (2 years), including documented supervised clinical training of a minimum of 400 hours during the course

or

Bachelor Degree in Psychology

and

Master's Degree in Psychology (one year), including documented supervised clinical training of a minimum of 200 hours

and



PhD Degree in Psychology including documented supervised clinical training of a minimum of 200 hours

or

Licence/Bachelier en Psychologie (3 years)

and

Master 1 (*Maitrise*) en Psychologie and *Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures Spécialisées (DESS)*/Master 2 level in Psychology together with documented supervised clinical training of a minimum of 400 hours during the course

15. Psychomotor Therapist

Diplôme d'État de Psychomotricien

or

Bachelier en Psychomotricité

or

Licence en Psychomotricité

or

Bachelor Degree in Psychomotor Therapy

or

Certificate of Capacity in Psychomotricity

or

Master en Psychomotricité



16. Psychotherapist Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Education, Social Work, Nursing or Medicine

and

Master's degree in Psychotherapy from a recognised institution and a minimum of 400 hours of documented supervised clinical training

or

Bachelor dans les domaines des sciences de l'éducation ou sciences humaines et sociales ou la psychologie ou Nursing ou Medecine

and

900H de formation dans une école/institution de psychothérapie enregistrée nationalement dans le pays d'origine (Ex: FF2P pour la France, BACP pour l'Angleterre et EAPTI) sur 4 à 5 ans incluant 400H pratique dont 250H supervisées

or

Master 2 en Psychologie

and

900H de formation dans une école/institution de psychothérapie enregistrée nationalement dans le pays d'origine (E : FF2P¹ pour la France, BACP² pour l'Angleterre et EAPTI³) sur 4 à 5 ans incluant 400H pratique dont 250H supervisées

or



Être certifiés du CEP (Certificat Européen de psychothérapie) délivré par l'EAP (European Association of Psychotherapy)

FF2P¹ – *Fédération Française de Psychothérapie et Psychanalyse*

BACP² – British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy

EAPT³ – European Accredited Psychotherapy Training Institute



17. Speech Language Therapist	and	Bachelor of Speech Pathology	}	Australia
		or		
		Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology		
		or		
		Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology)		
		or		
		Bachelor of allied health sciences (Speech Pathology)		
		or		
		Bachelor of Applied Science and Master of Speech Pathology		
		or		
		Bachelor of Health Science/Master of Speech and Language Therapy		
		or		
		Bachelor of Speech and Language Sciences/Master of Speech Pathology		
		or		
Master of Speech Pathology				
or				
Master of Speech and Language Pathology				
or				
		Australia		



Master of Speech and Language Therapy

Graduat/Bachelier en logopédie (If studies done in Hautes Ecoles) } Belgium
or
Master *en logopédie* (If studies done in Universities) }

Master in Speech-Language Pathology } Canada
or
Maitrise en orthophonie }

or
Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology } China

or
Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Science } India
or
Bachelor of Science (Speech and Hearing) }
or
Bachelor of Science (Audiology and Speech Therapy) }
or
Bachelor of Science (Audiology and Speech Rehabilitation) }



or
Bachelor of Science Hearing, Language
and Speech (BSLH)
or
Bachelor of Audiology and Speech
Language Pathology
or
Bachelor of Arts Audiology and Speech
Language Pathology

India

Bachelor Degree in Speech & Language
Pathology

or

Bachelor in Logopaedics

or

Bachelor of Arts in Logopaedics (if
obtained before 1965)

or

Bachelor of Science in Logopaedics (if
obtained before 1965)

or

Bachelor of Speech and Hearing
Therapy

or

Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing
Therapy

South Africa

South Africa



or

Bachelor in Speech Therapy and
Audiology

or

Master of Arts *en logopédie*

Master of Arts in Speech and Language
Therapy

} Switzerland

or

Bachelor of Science (Hons) Speech
Sciences

or

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics &
Language Pathology

or

Bachelor of Science (Hons) Speech and
Language Therapy

} United Kingdom

or

Bachelor of Science -Linguistics and
Language Pathology

or

Bachelor of Science-Psychology and
Speech Pathology

or

Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Hons)
Speech and Language Therapy

or



Master of Science Speech and Language Sciences

or

United Kingdom

Master of Science Speech and Language Therapy

or

Master of Medical Sciences Speech and Language Therapy

Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology

or

Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

or

Master of Science in Speech Therapy and Audiology

or

Master of Science in Communication Disorders

or

Master of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders

or

Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders

United States of America

United States of America

18. Sports Therapist Bachelor Degree in Sports Therapy



or

Bachelor Degree in Sports and Exercise
Therapy

or

Bachelor Degree in Sports Rehabilitation

Note –

All qualifications must include Clinical
Training

2. No qualifications set out in this Schedule shall be acceptable to the Council where a person has undergone only online courses.
3. Any person who has undergone only online courses may apply to the Council for registration within 6 months from the coming into operation of these regulations and the Council shall determine his application on being satisfied that the course contents meet the requirements of section 17 of the Act.

[First Schedule repealed and replaced by reg 3 of GN 129 of 2024 w.e.f. 12 August 2024.]



SECOND SCHEDULE
[Section 7(1)(g)]

CLUSTERS OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Cluster 1

Occupational Therapist

Orthopaedic Technician

Physiotherapist

Podiatrist/Chiropodist

Sports Therapist

Cluster 2

Audiologist

Speech and Language Therapist

Cluster 3

Dietitian

Nutritionist

Cluster 4

Counsellor

Psychologist/Clinical Psychologist

Psychotherapist

Psychomotortheraapist

Cluster 5

Chiropractor

Osteopath



Cluster 6

Clinical Scientist

Medical Imaging Technologist

Medical Laboratory Technologist

