

**SCHEDULE OF THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND DENTISTS ACT, 1994,  
RELATING TO COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL**

**SCHEDULE**

**(Section 3(2))**

**1. (1) The Council shall consist of a minimum of 11 members as follows –**

**(a) the Director of Health Services, or the person performing those functions, of the Ministry responsible for health;**

**(b) 3 persons who are neither practitioner nor dentists but one of whom is a health professional, nominated by the Minister responsible for health;**

**(c) a registered dentist nominated by the Minister responsible for health;**

**(d) a registered medical practitioner nominated by the Minister responsible for health;**

**(e) a representative of each association of medical practitioners or dentist which has a membership of at least 20% of all registered medical practitioners and dentists, nominated by each such association provided that the representative is a registered medical practitioner or registered dentist;**

**(f) 3 registered medical practitioners, of whom at least one is engaged in private practice, nominated by registered medical practitioners at a meeting called for this purpose by the Council;**

**(g) 2 registered dentist, one of whom is engaged in private practice nominated by registered dentists at a meeting called for this purpose by the Council.**

**(2) Notice of a meeting under subparagraph (1)(f) and (g), shall be given in a local newspaper of wide circulation in Seychelles at least 14 days before the meeting.**

**(3) The members of Council shall be appointed by the Minister.**

**(4) The members of the Council shall, unless they vacate office earlier, hold office for 2 years and are eligible for reappointment.**

**(5) Where, under subparagraph (1), a person is required to be a registered medical practitioner or a registered dentist to be nominated as a member of the Council, the person shall cease to be a member of the Council on the person ceasing to be a registered medical practitioner or registered dentist.**

**(6) A member may resign from office by letter addressed to the Minister.**

**(7) Where a person is appointed to replace another person who has ceased to be a member before the period of 2 years, the person shall serve as a member for the**

remaining period of office of the person replaced.

**2. (1) The members of the Council shall elect from amongst themselves a Chairman.**

**(2) The term of office of the Chairman shall be 2 years.**

**(3) A person shall cease to hold office as Chairman if the person resigns or ceases to be member of the Council.**

**3. (1) There shall be a Registrar appointed by the Council.**

**(2) The Registrar shall act as secretary to the Council, keep the Register, keep and maintain records of the Council, implement decisions of the Council, and do all such things as the Council or the Chairman may lawfully require the Registrar to do.**

**4. (1) The Council shall meet at least twice a year but otherwise –**

**(a) as the Chairman may direct; or**

**(b) as may be requested in writing to the Chairman by not less than 5 members of the Council.**

**(2) The time and place of a meeting of the Council shall be determined by the Chairman.**

**(3) Five members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for a meeting.**

**(4) A meeting of the Council shall be presided over by the Chairman but in the absence of the Chairman the members present at the meeting shall elect a member to preside over the meeting and that member shall have all the powers of the Chairman at the meeting.**

**(5) All matters for determination by the Council at a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes of the members present and voting thereon.**

**(6) Each member has one vote and in the event of an equality of votes the member presiding at the meeting has an additional vote.**

**(7) A member who has a direct interest in a matter that falls to be decided at a meeting of the Council shall notify the Chairman or, if the member is the Chairman, the Registrar, of the interest and shall not be present or vote at the meeting where the matter is considered or decided unless the Council authorises otherwise.**

**5. Where a matter requires a decision of the Council and it is not convenient or possible for the Council to meet to determine the matter, the Registrar shall, on the instructions of the Chairman, circulate papers regarding the matter to all members for consideration and decision or approval and if the members unanimously approve a decision or resolution by signing it the decision or resolution shall have**

**the same effect as a decision or resolution passed at a meeting of the Council.**

**6. Notwithstanding paragraph 1(4), where at the end of the period specified in paragraph 1(4) all the members of the Council vacate office and the new members of the Council have not been appointed, the persons vacating as members shall continue in office until the appointment of the new members of the Council or for a further period of 3 months, whichever occurs first.**