

**MEDICAL (INSTRUMENTS) (EXEMPTION)
REGULATIONS 1986***

IN exercise of the powers conferred under paragraph (p) of subsection (2) of section 36 of the Medical Act 1971, the Council, with the approval of the Minister, makes the following regulations:

1. Citation.

These Regulations may be cited as the **Medical (Instruments) (Exemption) Regulation 1986.**

2. Interpretation.

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-

“Board” has the meaning assigned to it in the Medical Assistants (Regulation) Act 1977;

“fully registered medical practitioner” means a medical practitioner who is fully registered under section 14 of the Medical Act 1971;

“medical officer” means a fully registered medical practitioner who is in the Government service;

“private clinic” has the meaning assigned to it in the Medical Assistants (Registration) Act 1977;

“private hospital” has the meaning assigned to it in the Private Hospitals Act 1971;

“registered medical assistants” means a medical assistants who is registered under the Medical Assistants (Registration) Act 1977;

“trainee medical assistant” means a person who is pursuing a course of training in a Government hospital, Government health centre or other Government institution for the care, treatment or rehabilitation of patients as may be approved by the Board or a training centre for the purposes of registration as a medical assistant under the Medical Assistants (Registration) Act 1977.

3. Exemption.

Subject to regulation 4, the following classes of shall be exempted from the application of the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 33 of the Medical Act 1971 in respect of the use of the types of instruments specified in the Schedule:

- (1) registered medical assistants;
- (2) trainee medical assistants.

4. Condition of exemptions.

(1) In the case of a registered medical assistant who is employed in a Government hospital, Government health centre or other Government institution for the care, treatment or rehabilitation of patients the exemption shall only apply if he is using any of the instruments specified in the Schedule in the course of carrying out his duties in the Government hospital, Government health centre or other Government institution for the care, treatment or rehabilitation of patients under the supervision of the officer.

(2) In the case of a registered medical assistant who is employed in a private hospital, private clinic or other private institution for the care, treatment or rehabilitation of patients the exemption shall only apply if he is using any of the instruments specified in the Schedule in the course of carrying out his duties, in the private hospital, private clinic or other private institution for the care, treatment or rehabilitation of patients under the supervision of a fully registered medical practitioner who holds a current and valid annual practicing certificate.

(3) In the case of a trainee medical assistant, the exemption shall only apply if he is using any of the instruments specified in the Schedule in the course of carrying out, in pursuance of his course of training, any investigation, examination or treatment of patients in a Government institution for the care, treatment or rehabilitation of patients as may be approved by the Board, under the supervision of a medical officer.

SCHEDULE

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(Regulation 3)

TYPES OF INSTRUMENTS

1. Surgical needles.
2. Injection needles.
3. Injection syringes.
4. Surgical sutures.
5. Surgical scissors.
6. Scalpel blades and handles.
7. Artery forceps, toothed and non-toothed dissection forceps, sinus forceps, tissue forceps, sponge holding forceps, and cheatle forceps.
8. Needle holder.
9. Aural syringe.
10. Aural speculae.
11. Auriscope.
12. Sphygmomanometer.
13. Stethoscope.
14. Laryngoscope.
15. Patella hammer.
16. Undine.
17. Nasal speculae.
18. Ryle's tube.
19. Urethral rubber catheter.
20. Manual Resuscitation set.
21. Portable oxygen unit.
22. Portable resuscitation unit including oxygen and suction unit.
23. Suction machine.
24. Electrocardiogram machine.
25. Tongue depressor.
26. Tongue forceps.
27. Air way.
28. Mouth gag.

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