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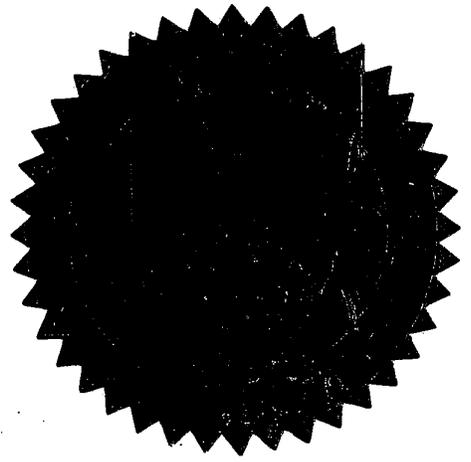
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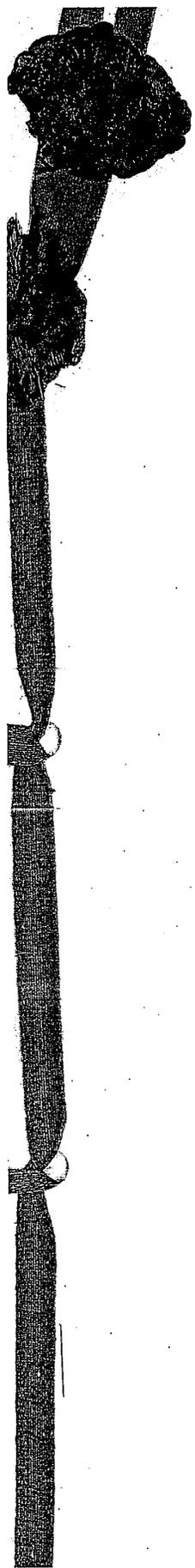
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**THE HEALTH WORKERS
ACT 1982**

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THE HEALTH WORKERS

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Passed by the National Parliament this twenty-seventh day of August 1982.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill passed by Parliament and found by me to be a true and correct copy of the said Bill.


Festus Fa'amaea
Clerk to National Parliament

Assented to in Her Majesty's name and on Her Majesty's behalf this 9th day of August 1982.


B Devesi
Governor-General

Date of commencement: date of publication in the Gazette

AN ACT to provide for the practice of professions allied to medicine and health services which are not otherwise regulated by legislation.

ENACTED by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.

- Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Health Workers Act 1982.
- Inter-pretation. 2. In this Act -
 "health worker" means a person entitled under this Act to practice a profession specified in the first column of the Schedule;
 "Permanent Secretary" means the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Medical Services;
 "Register" means the Register of Health Workers kept under section 4.
- Recognised qualifications. 3. The Minister may by notice in the Gazette specify the training institutions and qualifications to be recognised for the purposes of each profession of health worker.
- Register of health workers. 4. The Permanent Secretary shall keep a permanent register of health workers in the prescribed form.
- Registration. 5. (1) Any person who holds the qualification specified for his profession under section 3 may apply in writing to the Permanent Secretary for registration as a health worker for that profession.
 (2) An application under subsection (1) shall be accompanied by documents confirming or evidencing the possession by the applicant of the qualifications necessary for registration.
 (3) Where the Permanent Secretary receives an application under subsection (1) he shall, on being satisfied that the applicant -
 (a) possesses the specified qualifications; and
 (b) is of good character,
 enter the name of the applicant in the Register and issue a certificate of registration to the applicant.
- Removal from Register. 6. (1) The Permanent Secretary shall remove from the Register the name of any person who -
 (a) has died;
 (b) is no longer practising his profession;

- (c) is convicted in Solomon Islands or elsewhere of an offence which if committed in Solomon Islands is punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding 6 months; or

(d) is convicted of an offence under this Act.

(2) The Permanent Secretary may recommend to the Minister the removal from the Register of the name of any person who he has reason to believe has been guilty of serious misconduct in a professional respect.

(3) Where a recommendation is made under subsection (2) the Minister shall appoint a committee to investigate the recommendation and make a decision on it.

(4) A committee under subsection (3) shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as the Minister thinks fit and shall consist of such persons or class of person as may be prescribed.

(5) Any person whose name has been removed from the Register under this section may where the Permanent Secretary thinks fit be registered again under section 5.

7. (1) Any person aggrieved by -

(a) the refusal of the Permanent Secretary to register him as a health worker under section 5;

(b) the removal of his name from the Register under section 6(1); or

(c) a decision to remove his name from the Register by the committee appointed under section 6(3),

may, within 21 days of notification to him of the refusal, removal or decision to remove, appeal to the Court against that refusal, removal or decision to remove as the case may be.

(2) On an appeal under subsection (1) the Court may give such directions in the matter as it thinks appropriate.

(3) Where no appeal is made under subsection (1) in respect of a decision to remove a name from the Register under section 6(3), the name shall be removed from the Register by the Permanent Secretary.

8. (1) Every health worker may in the exercise of his profession perform the functions specified in the second column of the Schedule for that profession.

Appeals.

Health
workers'
powers.

(2) Any health worker who, as such, performs or professes to be authorised to perform any function other than one specified in the second column of the Schedule in respect of his profession shall commit an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine of \$500.

General offences.

9. (1) Any person who takes or uses any name, title, description, uniform or badge which implies that he is a health worker when he is not shall commit an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of \$500.

(2) Any person who practises a profession specified in the first column of the Schedule or performs a function specified in the second column of the Schedule where he is not appropriately registered under this or some other Act shall commit an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of \$500.

Regulations.

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

(b) Regulations made under paragraph (a) may provide for the levying of fees and charges.

(2) The Minister may by regulations amend the Schedule.

Consequential amendments.

11. (1) The Medical and Dental Practitioners Act is amended in section 39 by inserting after the word "nurse" the words " , registered health worker".

(2) The Nurses and Midwives Act is amended in section 12 by -

(a) substituting a semi-colon for the full stop; and

(b) adding the following new paragraph -

"(c) a registered health worker".

SCHEDULE

(sections 2, 3, 8 and 9)

First Column Profession	Second Column Functions
1. Medical Assistant (Health Extension Practitioner)	1. Diagnosis and treating patients. 2. Administration of health services. 3. Referral of cases to hospitals. 4. Antenatal and postnatal care. 5. Family health services. 6. Health care to schools. 7. Promotion of primary health care. 8. Promotion of health and prevention of illness.
2. Dental Therapist (Dental Nurse)	1. Simple dental extraction and filling. 2. Dental health services for schools and children. 3. Dental hygiene services. 4. Dental therapy services.
3. Dental Technician	1. Supplying dental prosthetics. 2. Repairs to and relining of dentures. 3. Chairside assistance to dentists. 4. Casting models.
4. Radiographers (X-ray Technicians)	1. Taking of x-ray films. 2. Processing chemicals for x-ray films. 3. Operation of x-ray machines. 4. Administration functions in relation to x-ray.

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