GUIDELINES FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION-2019

The General Body of Andhra Pradesh Medical Council met on 29th March, 2019 and considered the issue relating to Renewal of Registration. The General Body discussed the issue at length. In pursuance of the decision taken by the General Body of the Council, the following comprehensive guidelines are issued. They shall come into force w.e.f. 1st July, 2019

Granting Renewal of Registration came into force w.e.f. 10-02-2014 after bringing appropriate amendment to Andhra Pradesh Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1968 (Amended Act No.10/2013) and a notification was issued in this regard. The relevant provisions are contained in Section-15C of the Act and elaborative procedure is laid down in Rule-6 of Andhra Pradesh Medical Council (Renewal of Registration etc.) Rules, 2013. According to the provisions of Section-15C (1) of the Act, every medical practitioner shall once in every five years renew his or her registration by paying prescribed fee to the Council. Further, such applicant shall produce evidence to the effect that he or she participated or attended a minimum of such hours as may be prescribed in this behalf, over a period of five years in any recognized Medical Conference or Seminar or Workshop or Continued Medical Education Programme approved in this behalf. According to Sub-section(3) thereof, the Medical Practitioner who fails to renew his or her registration under sub-section (2), shall cease to be a registered practitioner within the meaning of Section-2(i) of the Act and the Registrar shall remove the name of such practitioner from the ‘Register’ maintained under Section-15.

There is no specific provision in the Act or Rules as to the grace period which can be allowed after the due date specified in the Renewal of Registration Certificate for getting Renewal of Registration second time and upto which Renewal of Registration, 2nd time may be granted with late fee. In the above circumstances and taking into consideration of details provided in this regard, the General Body decided as follows:

(i) The Fee for Renewal of Registration shall be Rs.5,000/-

(ii) The Renewal of Registration applications be accepted for a period of Three months (3) after the due date specified in the Renewal of Registration Certificate without levying any late fee. In the case of Renewal of Registration for the first time, renewal of registration shall be done after the expiry of Five Years period from the date of granting final registration. A period of Three (3) months may be allowed for granting Renewal of Registration after expiry of Five Years period.

(iii) The Renewal of Registration applications be accepted for a period of further Three months (3) with late fee, i.e. within a period of Six months after the due date specified in the Renewal of Registration Certificate, with late fee @ Rs.100/- per month.
(iv) The names of persons who failed to get their registration renewed after expiry of Six months period from the due date specified in the Certificate of Renewal of Registration or a period of Six months has been lapsed after the expiry of Five Years period from the date of granting Final Registration, their names shall be removed from the Medical Register maintained under Section-15 of the Act and also the Register maintained for the purpose of Renewal of Registration in the case of Renewal of Registration for second time.

(v) In the cases where the names of registered medical practitioners are removed from the medical register for not getting their registration renewed as provided in Clause-(ii) or Clause-(iii) above, they will be entitled for Re-registration as provided in sub-rule-(4) on payment of Re-registration fee of Rs.10,000/-. 

(vi) In the case where the candidate failed to get Re-registration within a period of One Year from the date on which his/her name was removed from the Medical Register, he/she will be entitled for Re-registration with late fee @ Rs.100/- per month.

(vii) In the case of medical practitioners having concurrent registration with other State Medical Councils, they shall be granted Re-registration on payment of fee of Rs.6,000/- and on submission of latest No Objection Certificate issued by the State Medical Council concerned.

(viii) In the case of medical practitioners having left the country and residing anywhere abroad during the preceding period of Two years or more, they shall be granted Re-registration on payment of fee of Rs.6,000/- and on producing sufficient proof in this regard.

(ix) All conditions under relevant rules shall be applicable for Re-registration within a period of One Year or beyond the period of One year as the case may be.

(x) Producing evidence of attending to Workshops/CME Programmes etc.: For Renewal of Registration or Re-registration/fresh registration, first time or second time, every Registered Medical Practitioner shall produce evidence of attending to Workshops/CME Programmes and acquire credit hours 12 or more for the purpose of Renewal of Registration either first time or second time during the year 2019. In the case of Renewal of Registration or Re-registration first time or second time, every Registered Medical Practitioner shall produce evidence of attending to Workshops/CME Programmes and acquire credit hours 18 or more for the purpose of Renewal of Registration, or Re-registration during the year 2020. Accordingly, a candidate for Renewal of Registration or Re-registration first time or second time shall produce evidence of attending to Workshops/CME Programmes and acquire credit hours 24 or more for the purpose of Renewal of Registration, or Re-registration during the year 2021.

(xi) In the case of Medical Practitioners who are in the DEFENCE service at the time of Renewal of Registration/Re-registration, i.e. in Infantry or Air Force or Naval Force, they may be exempted from producing the evidence of attending to the Continuing Medical Education Programmes/Workshops etc., since it may not be feasible for the persons in the Defence service. In order to get exemption in this regard, they shall produce evidence to show that they are in the DEFENCE service at the time when they approach the Council for grant of Renewal of Registration or Re-registration either 1st time or
2nd time. In all such cases, the Registrar who shall pass such orders as he deem fit in the circumstances of the case and to issue Original Certificate of Renewal of Registration/Re-registration. The exemption in this regard is also applicable in the case of applications which were received earlier and whose Original Certificates of Renewal of Registration/Re-registration are retained in the Council’s office.

(xii) The clause "it cannot be carried forward "existing in the present guidelines shall hereafter be omitted.

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