

MEMO FOR CABINET

BY

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

Amendments to Section 12 and 17 of the
Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance

In terms of section 12 (b) of the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance, one of the conditions for the grant of a licence by the Governor to practice as a veterinary surgeon is a certificate by the Medical Council showing that the Council is satisfied that applicant has obtained the requisite diploma or degree "from a university or other school recognised by the Royal University of Malta".

Correspondence was exchanged between the President, Medical Council, and the Vice Chancellor and Rector Magnificus on the interpretation of the provision and they are in agreement on its meaning "that the University or other school is to be recognised by the Royal University of Malta and not the diploma itself".

At the Senate's insistence, the President has written to the Hon. the Prime Minister expressing the desire that the pertinent provisions be amended to the effect that recognition be in respect only of the diploma or degree and not of the University or School.

This matter was referred to this Ministry by the Administrative Secretary for such action as may be considered necessary. The advice of the Crown Advocate General on the necessity of such an amendment has been obtained and he agrees it is desirable.

A memo (No.674) on the amendment of section 17 has already been submitted and considered in Cabinet on the 3rd January, 1967.

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Ministers are asked to agree to the attached Draft Bill which has already been vetted by the Crown Advocate General and that it be presented in Parliament. The Bill incorporates the amendments to Section 12 and 17 of the Ordinance in question; clauses 3 and 4 which amend section 17 have already been approved by Cabinet.

20th February, 1967.

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AS ACT further to amend the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance, Cap. 51.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives of Malta, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Medical and Kindred Professions (Amendment) (No.2) Act, 1967, and shall be read and construed as one with the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as "the principal law".

Amendment of section 12 of the principal law.

2. For paragraph (b) of section 12 of the principal law there shall be substituted the following paragraph:-

"(b) has obtained a degree or diploma in veterinary science, recognised by the Royal University of Malta;"

Amendment of section 17 of the principal law.

3. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 17 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:-

"(a) immediately before the words "he has undergone" there shall be inserted the words "after having passed the examination referred to in the last preceding paragraph,"; and

(b) immediately after the word "two years" there shall be inserted the words "commencing on the date on which the candidate and a registered apothecary had notified the Advisory and Executive Board of the commencement of the training hereinafter mentioned."

Saving.

4. The amendment made by paragraph (b) of section 3 of this Act shall not apply in respect of any such person as within thirty days of the enactment of this Act shall inform the Advisory and Executive Board that he commenced the practical training referred to in paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 17 of the

principal law before the enactment of this Act and shall produce to the said Board, within a further period of sixty days, a declaration to that effect signed by him and by a registered apothecary specifying the date when such training was commenced.

Objects and Reasons

The object of this Bill is to amend the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance (1) to make it clear that the degree or diploma required for the obtaining of a licence to practise as a veterinary surgeon is to be a degree or diploma recognised by the Royal University of Malta, and (2) to make certain conditions for the grant of a licence of assistant apothecary more definite.
