

Emiri Decree No. (7) Of the year 2013

With regard to Establishment the Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners

We, Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar,
Upon reviewing the constitution,
The Law No. (11) Of the year 1982 as to regulating the Medical Institutions,
The Law No. (2) Of the year 1983 as to practice Medicine, medical and surgical dentistry professions and the amendments thereto,
The Law No. (3) Of the year 1983 as to regulating the professions of pharmacy, brokers, and agents of the drugs companies and factories and the amendments thereto,
The Law No. (8) Of the year 1991 as to regulating the practice of allied health professions, amended by the Law No. (14) Of 1994,
The Emiri Decree No. (13) Of the year 2009 regarding the establishment of the Supreme Council of Health,
The Cabinet Minister's Resolution No. (9) Of the year 1998 in relation to the Permanent Licensing Committee at the Ministry of Health and define its functions and the amended resolutions thereto,
And,
The proposal of the Public Health Minister, the General Secretary for Supreme Council of Health,
Decided the following:

Article (1)

In the application of the provisions of this law, the following words and expressions have the meanings assigned to them, unless the context requires another meaning:

Supreme Council: Supreme Council of Health

Council: The Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners

Chair: The chairperson of the QCHP Board

Health Profession: The professions practiced by Healthcare Practitioners in the field of Medicine, medical and Surgical Dentistry, Pharmacy, Medical Laboratories, Allied Health Professions and Alternative Medicine

Healthcare Practitioner: Individuals practicing Healthcare Professions

Article (2)

A Council called the Qatar council for Healthcare Practitioners will be established and affiliated to Supreme Council of Health. It will have a legal entity with the budget attached to the Supreme Council of Health budget, with the headquarters in Doha.

Article (3)

The Council aims to promote the performance of the healthcare practitioners working in different healthcare fields in both government and private sectors from both academic and clinical aspects. The Council may use all the necessary authorities and power to achieve this aim, in particular the following:

1. Sets the specifications and standards for accreditation of hospitals, clinics and healthcare centers as training centers for the healthcare practitioners
2. Evaluates the applications for registration and licensing in order to grant or revoke practicing licenses.
3. Agrees on formation of technical committees for evaluation and investigation relating to the different healthcare specializations/scopes, and to approve specialized scientific and medical committees to undertake the evaluation and equivalence of the specialization certificates, as well as deciding the privileges, conduct examinations relating to registration and re-registration or as required.
4. Accredits the bases for evaluating the different medical specializations and define the necessary conditions/requirements to list the name of the healthcare practitioner in the Council's records which enable him/her to obtain the specialist scope and supervise it
5. Approves the examinations held by the scientific committees and to ratify the exams results.
6. Accredits and supervises the health specialization programs criteria.
7. Accredits the continuing medical education criteria in all the health professions.
8. Sets the requirements for the ethics of the practice of health professions and to take necessary actions to ensure the compliance
9. Investigates complaints against health practitioners and the imposition of sanctions
10. Approves the training and development for healthcare human resources
11. Coordinates and cooperates with regional and international specialized medical councils
12. Cooperates with the educational and academic institutions and the different medical authorities to organized training courses for all the healthcare practitioners to be qualified for their specializations
13. Releases publications to achieve the Council's objectives and functions
14. Encourages researches and publishing of articles, issues magazines and periodicals in the health field and support it according to the available resources
15. Holds and attends symposiums and medical conferences and follow up the implementation of its recommendations

Article (4)

The Council will be managed by a Board consisting of a chair and a number of members not less than six and not exceeding eight. Their appointment and rewards will be decided by a resolution from Supreme Council of Health.

The Board elects a vice president from members, who will replace the chair if he is absent or resigned.

The Board will have a trustee and decide on his responsibilities and his financial incentives.

The Board shall set a mechanism for the work, includes the mechanism, the location and date of holding the meeting and the dates of the meeting and the required rules for practicing their responsibilities.

Article (5)

The term for the Board membership is three years, renewable to the same term/terms.

Article (6)

The Board shall have the necessary authorities to run and manage the Council's affairs to achieve its aims, in particular the following:

1. Sets and supervises the implementation of the General Policy of the Council
2. Sets the organizational structure of the Council
3. Issues the organizational and technical bylaws relating to the implementation of the Council activities
4. Approves council's plans , programs and projects, and follows up their implementation
5. Confirms the estimated annual budget and the closing account of the Council
6. Accepts the wills, donations and grants

7. Considers the periodic and the follow up reports relating to the work process of the council and to take necessary action in that regard.

The Council resolutions stated for in Articles (1), (2), (5), (6) are effective only after being approved by Supreme Council of Health.

Article (7)

The CEO will be appointed by a resolution from the Board. He/she shall undertake under his/her supervision the function of running the administrative, financial and technical affairs of the council, all within the frame of the Council general policy and in particular the following:

1. The implementation of the Board's decisions
2. The proposal of the organizational structure of the Council
3. The proposal of the organizational and technical bylaws relating to the implementation of the Council's activities
4. The proposal of the Council's plans, programs and projects.
5. Preparation of the estimated annual budget for the Council as well as the council's closing account
6. Preparation of periodic and follow-up reports relating to the Council's activities the Board's consideration.
7. Any other tasks assigned by the Council in the scope of his responsibilities.

The Council may invite the CEO to attend the Board sessions whenever deemed necessary, without having the right to vote.

Article (8)

The CEO shall represent the Council before justice and in its relationship with others.

Article (9)

The financial resources of the Council consist of the following:

1. The funds allocated by Supreme Council of Health
2. The revenues achieved by the Council from running their activities
3. The wills, donations and grants

Article (10)

The financial year for the Council starts from the first of April, and ends by the end of March every year, provided that the first financial year starts from the date of having this resolution in effect and ends at the end of March of next year.

Article (11)

Without prejudice of the provisions of the Audit Bureau of Supreme Council of Health, an auditor or more shall be appointed to audit the Council accounts. He/she has the right to review the documents and books of the council, as well as requesting the data deemed necessary for to do his/her job. He/she shall submit a report to the Supreme Council of Health.

Article (12)

All the competent authorities, each within its jurisdiction, shall implement the present resolution. The resolution shall be published in the official Gazette.

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