

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL COUNCILS OF AFRICA



AMCOA PROTOCOL ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

29 AUGUST 2013



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WHEREAS practitioners have the liberty to migrate across jurisdictions to ply their trade which migration creates regulatory challenges from the point of view of confirming the status of the practitioner concerned particularly whether he/she is fit and proper person to be registered;

RECOGNISING the need to regulate movement of practitioners in order to protect the public from practitioners who may be fugitives of justice from their own jurisdictions due to adverse ethical or professional findings against them;

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES TO THIS PROTOCOL DO HEREBY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES AROUND INFORMATION EXCHANGE :-

1.

Information Exchange

- 1.1 The signatories to this protocol hereby agree to exchange information on practitioners within their registers with other member countries pertaining to such issues as listed hereunder or as may be deemed desirable in order to protect the public from practitioners who are found guilty of professional or ethical misdemeanors.
- 1.2 The signatories to this protocol acknowledge that information exchange is critical for the performance of regulatory functions of each member state.

2.

Areas of Disclosure

- 2.1 A signatory to this protocol who has taken a disciplinary action or has knowledge of pending disciplinary action against a practitioner shall proactively and/or on request provide such information to other member countries who are signatories to this protocol.
- 2.2 The areas of disclosure shall include, but not be limited to criminal convictions or conditions of impairment where the Board has taken or intends taking action or other professional conduct convictions or actions which will be reflected on the certificate of status.
- 2.3 For the purpose of this protocol a 'pending action' shall refer to all instances where a complaint has been received expressed in the form of an endorsement on the certificate of status to indicate that a complaint has been received and indicate stage at which the complaint is in the process.



3.

Certificate of Status

- 3.1 The Certificate of Status shall include practitioner's details and qualifications with a confirmation that the practitioner is to the best of knowledge of Council a fit and a proper person to practice medicine or dentistry.
- 3.2 Where there is a matter of concern around conduct of practitioner the Certificate of Status will be endorsed reflecting such a matter of concern as stipulated above.
- 3.3 In the case of impairment, the certificate of status shall include history of the practitioner, diagnosis and conditions imposed on the COS.
- 3.4 The Registering Body should not register any practitioner unless his/her registration is still current with the mother body or a positive report on that practitioner is received from the mother body.

4.

Enabling Framework

All member countries that are signatories to this protocol agree to pursue processes of aligning or developing legislative and other policy frameworks to facilitate the implementation of the principles enshrined in this protocol.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT HOTEL DES MILLE COLLINES, KIGALI RWANDA, ON THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST 2013

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