

The Law of the Saudi Authority for Medical Specializations

Article (1)

Definition and Seat [Headquarters]

The Saudi Authority for Medical Specializations is a scientific professional Authority having a judicial personality, with its seat [Headquarter] in Riyadh city, and the same may establish branches inside the Kingdom.

Article (2)

Objectives and Competencies

The Authority aims at the promotion of the medical professional performance, skills development and encouragement, and enrichment of scientific thought and the sound scientific application in various medical specialization through the following: -

- 1- Drawing up, approving, and supervising the professional, medical specialized programs, and setting the sustainable education programs in medical specializations within the context of the general education policy.
- 2- Forming and supervising the medical scientific boards and the necessary sub- committees and sanctioning recommendations thereof.
- 3- Recognizing the medical institutions for the purposes of training and specialization therein after assessment thereof.
- 4- Supervising, through, specialized scientific boards and committees, the specialized exams and approving the results thereof.
- 5- Issuing professional certificates such as Diplomas, Fellowship (Associations), and Membership whether the exam thereof was directly held by, or in collaboration with, such.
- 6- Coordinating with other medical professional boards, authorities, societies, and colleges within the Kingdom or abroad.
- 7- Assessing and equalize the professional medical certificates.
- 8- Encouraging research preparation and publication of scientific essays in the field of its specialization and issuing pertinent magazine, and periodicals.
- 9- Participating in proposing general plans for the preparation habilitation and promotion of manpower working in medical fields.
- 10- Convening medical symposiums and conferences to discuss internal medical problems, proposing convenient resolutions thereof and following up the execution of recommendations and decisions issued thereof.

11- Laying and establishing bases and standards for practicing medical professions including the bases of profession ethics.

12- Encouraging preparation of medical scientific research and proposing their themes, supporting and totally or partially financing such.

13- Approving the establishment of scientific societies for medical specializations.

Article (3) Membership

1- The Authority shall comprise of honorary members and active members.

2- Honorary membership shall be granted by a decision from the Trustees Board to whoever offers financial, moral, or professional services to the Authority or to the profession; such member shall be exempted from registration and subscription fees.

3- Active member shall satisfy the following: -

a- Obtaining a recognized certificate of qualification in one of the medical specializations.

b- Good behavior and conduct.

Article (4) Authority Administration

1- The administration of the Authority shall be vested on a Trustees Board comprised of: -

a- The Minister of Health, Chairman.

b- Authority General Secretary, member.

c- One of the undersecretaries of the Ministry of Medical nominated by the Minister of Health, member.

d- One of the medical officials at the Ministry of Medical to be nominated by the Minister of Health, member.

e- Four of the Deans of faculties of Medicine in Saudi Universities in the fields of human medicine, dentistry, pharmaceuticals and the auxiliary applied medical specializations nominated by the Minister of Higher Education, members.

f- Representative of specialized hospitals nominated by the Minister of Health, member.

g- Three representatives of medical services at the security and military organs to be selected by their direct authorities, members.

h- Three from outside the government sector selected by the Minister of Health, members.

2- Term of Membership in the Trustees Board shall be three years renewable for once.

3- Member of the Trustees Board shall be a specialist in one of the Medical professions branches.

4- A full time Secretary General shall be appointed for the administration of the Authority's technical, administrative, and financial affairs, and the same shall be of distinctive scientific and professional standard, and the appointment of such shall be by a decision of the trustees boards for the period of three years renewable for only once.

5- Trustees board shall convene an ordinary session monthly, and the Chairman of the Board or half of its members shall have the right to request an extraordinary session.

Sessions of the Board shall be deemed legal if such is attended by two thirds of its members, provided that the chairman, or the one he deputizes, shall be among them.

Decisions of the Board shall be taken by the majority of the attending members, and in case of even votes, the chairman's shall outweigh.

6- Secretary General of the Authority, or his deputy, shall represent the Authority before the others and before the Judiciary.

Article (5)

Responsibilities of the Trustees Board

1- Executing and following up the execution of the objectives and competencies of the Authority.

2- Sanctioning the internal regulation of the Authority, and determining wages, salaries, incentives and subscriptions of the members and renewing such, and financial and administrative specializations and setting the terms of employment, setting the administrative structure of the Authority, duties of the members, disciplinary measures, and other technical and executive affairs.

3- Approving the Authority budget and appointing the certified accountant and approving the Authority final account.

4- Proposing amendments to the Authority Law.

5- Revising Laws and instructions governing medical professions and specializations including those concerning responsibilities and duties of the medical professions members and submitting whatever it deems of recommendations to promote such laws and instructions to the competent authorities.

- 6- Accepting donations and subscriptions.
- 7- Approving financial investment policy for the Authority revenues and savings.
- 8- Preparing the necessary executive regulations of this law.

Article (6)

Fiscal Year and the Resources of the Authority

- 1- The fiscal year of the Authority shall be the same as that of the State.
- 2- Resources of the Authority shall comprise of: -
 - a- Subscriptions of the members.
 - b- Government subsidies.
 - c- Donations, bequests and the endowments offered to the Authority.
 - d- Returns and proceeds of publications, periodicals, and printed matters, fees of training and educational courses, examinations, certificates, and symposium subscriptions.
 - e- Annual subscriptions of the beneficiary government medical authorities.
 - f- Revenues of the services rendered by the Authority.

Article (7)

Final Provisions

- 1- Secretary General of the Authority shall prepare an annual report of the Authority functions inclusive of tasks performed by the Authority and the proposals he deems necessary for the promotion of medical professions and specialization and such shall be forwarded to the Trustees Board.
- 2- This Law shall be published in the official Gazette and shall become effective after sixty days as of its publishing date.