

MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS COUNCIL OF ZIMBABWE**GUIDELINES ON REGISTRATION & SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL ELECTIVE STUDENTS IN ZIMBABWE****INTRODUCTION**

Section 77 (3) of the Health Professions Act (Chapter 27:19) obliges the Medical and Dental Practitioners Council of Zimbabwe (MDPCZ) to register persons undergoing training that after acquiring the qualification entitles them to register with the Council. This provision also entitles Council to register international medical elective students.

1. PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

The Purpose of the Policy is to define the registration requirements of the different categories of international medical electives.

2. INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL STUDENTS**2.1 Undergraduates Medical Students**

This category refers to international undergraduate medical students who are wishing to undertake an elective period.

2.1.1 Registration Requirements

- ❖ Completion of an application form
- ❖ Submission of approval letter by the Dean of the College of Health Sciences or equivalent.
- ❖ Payment of appropriate fee.

2.1.2. Scope of Practice

Mainly observing and learning without any practice.

2.2 Postgraduate / Residency International Medical Elective

This category refers to a postgraduate international medical graduate in a residency or any other specialist training programme.

2.2.1 Registration Requirements

Same as that for undergraduates.

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2.2.1 Scope of Practice for International post graduate elective/resident

- ❖ should be the same as that of the local MMed students.
- ❖ should work in a Designated Health Institution(DHI) that has been inspected by Council and found suitable for training in any particular specialty
- ❖ should work under direct supervision of a Consultant with the qualifications and experience in the field in which they are specialising.

Sources:

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