

# **POLICY GUIDELINES FOR ELIGIBILITY TO THE MEDICAL SPECIALIST REGISTER 2020**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 16(C) OF THE MEDICAL BOARD ACT (1960) AND MEDICAL BOARD  
(SPECIALIST REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS**

## **Pathway 'A'**

### **Direct Routes**

1. A medical doctor who has been awarded a DM (Doctorate of Medicine) degree or a DrPH (Doctor of Public Health) degree by the University of the West Indies.
2. *Overseas qualifications*
  - a. A medical doctor who is Board Certified in the United States of America or has a certificate of completion of training (CCT/CCST) from the United Kingdom or equivalent from Ireland, Canada, Australia and New Zealand; or
  - b. A medical doctor who holds equivalent specialist training as 2(a) above and overseas qualification (completion certificate of training, board certification or exit examination certificate) from a country not listed in sub-paragraph (a) and who, on referral to the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) for institutional approval, and The Medical Council for programme appraisal; based on individual consideration, meets the requisite standard of qualification.

# **NOTICE**

**EFFECTIVE 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023  
SUSPENSION OF PATHWAY B OF POLICY GUIDELINES  
FOR ELIGIBILITY TO THE MEDICAL SPECIALIST REGISTER 2020**

The Council at its Regular Monthly Meeting #687 held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023, agreed to SUSPEND the application for Specialist Registration under PATHWAY B, until further notice.

This has become necessary to correct inherent deficiencies in the policies of Specialist Registration via PATHWAY B of the Policy Guidelines.

Applications for Specialist Registration via PATHWAY A of the Policy Guidelines will continue to be processed by the Council of the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

**BY ORDER OF COUNCIL**

## **Pathway 'C'**

### **Temporary specialist registration route**

1. Temporary specialist registration in the Medical Specialist Register may be offered for visiting doctors and doctors brought in under various healthcare undertakings.
2. Such registration will be at the discretion of the Council and the required qualifications will be similar to those outlined at Pathways 'A & B' above and recognized by the ACTT.
3. This category of registration will be subject to the immigration requirements of Trinidad and Tobago and will be for a period not exceeding 1 year at a time.
4. Doctors registered under this Pathway will not be allowed independent practice unless special dispensation is granted by the Council and this will be in circumstances where an absolute need exists for the service they can provide, such need arising due to a deficiency of specialists registered and practicing within their field.