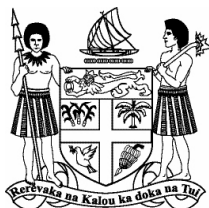


ACT NO. 31 OF 2020

I assent.

J. K. KONROTE
President

[4 September 2020]

AN ACT**TO AMEND THE PHARMACY PROFESSION ACT 2011**

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Pharmacy Profession (Amendment) Act 2020.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the date of publication in the Gazette.
- (3) In this Act, the Pharmacy Profession Act 2011 is referred to as the “Principal Act”.

Section 45 amended

2. Section 45 of the Principal Act is amended by—
 - (a) in subsection (2), deleting “this subsection” and substituting “subsection (1);
 - (b) in subsection (5) after “comply”, inserting “with subsection (4)”; and
 - (c) after subsection (6), inserting the following new subsection—

“(6A) An authorisation issued under this section is valid for a period of 12 months and may be renewed annually.”.

Section 45A amended

3. Section 45A of the Principal Act is amended after subsection (3) by inserting the following new subsections—

“(3A) Subject to subsection (3), an authorisation issued to a licensee of a private hospital is valid for a period of 12 months from the date of issue and may be renewed annually.

(3B) An authorisation issued to a licensee of a private hospital must be revoked by the Minister for breach of any condition of the authorisation.”.

Section 45B inserted

4. The Principal Act is amended after section 45A by inserting the following new section—

“Transition for change in authorisation period

45B.—(1) Any person issued an authorisation under section 45 on or before the commencement of the Pharmacy Profession (Amendment) Act 2020 that exceeds 12 months must apply to the Board before 31 December 2020 for an authorisation to own or have a proprietary interest in a pharmacy business in accordance with section 45.

(2) A licensee of a private hospital that owns or has a proprietary interest in a pharmacy business on or before the commencement of the Pharmacy Profession (Amendment) Act 2020 must apply to the Minister before 31 December 2020 for an authorisation to own or have a proprietary interest in the pharmacy business in accordance with section 45A.

(3) Any authorisation issued to a licensee of a private hospital to own or have a proprietary interest in a pharmacy business is revoked if the licensee fails to apply to the Minister before 31 December 2020 for an authorisation to own or have a proprietary interest in the pharmacy business in accordance with section 45A.”.

Passed by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji this 3rd day of September 2020.