

**THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS (AMENDMENT)  
BILL, 2021**

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MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Health Professions Act, 2009, so as to revise the provisions relating to training.

A. MWANSA,  
*Solicitor-General*

**N.A.B. 24, 2021**  
3rd March, 2021

# A BILL

ENTITLED

**An Act to amend the Health Professions Act, 2009.**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

1. This Act may be cited as the Health Professions (Amendment) Act, 2021, and shall be read as one with the Health Professions Act, 2009, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title

Act No. 24 of 2009

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definitions in the appropriate places in alphabetical order:

Amendment of section 2

“Higher Education Authority” means the Higher Education Authority established under the Higher Education Act, 2013;; and

Act No. 4 of 2013

“Zambia Qualifications Authority” means the Zambia Qualifications Authority established under the Zambia Qualifications Authority Act, 2011.

Act No. 13 of 2011

3. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsection (7) and the substitution therefor of the following:

Amendment of section 8

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	(7) The Minister may, by statutory instrument, on the recommendation of the Council, prescribe the scope of practice for health practitioners registered under this Act.	
Amendment of section 12	<b>4.</b> Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsection (2) and substitution therefor of the following:	5
	(2) The Registrar shall register a health practitioner as a specialist if the health practitioner holds a post graduate qualification accredited and recognised by the Zambia Qualifications Authority.	
Amendment of section 32	<b>5.</b> Section 32 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsection (1) and the substitution therefor of the following:	10
	(1) A training institution shall not provide or hold out as providing training to prepare students for health profession, unless the training programme is accredited by the Higher Education Authority.	
Repeal and replacement of section 33	<b>6.</b> The principal Act is amended by the repeal of section 33 and the substitution therefor of the following:	15
Application for approval of training programme	<b>33.</b> (1) A training institution that intends to offer training in a health profession shall apply to the Higher Education Authority for accreditation of the training programme.	20
	(2) The Higher Education Authority shall, in consultation with the Council, accredit the training programme if the training programme meets the requirements for service in the health profession.	
	(3) The Council shall not, where a training institution uses a training programme in the training of health profession which is not accredited under this section, accept the training for the purposes of registration in the health profession.	25
Amendment of section 51	<b>7.</b> Section 51(3) of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the words “qualifications and”.	30
Amendment of section 77	<b>8.</b> Section 77(2)(f) of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the words “accredited and recognised by the Zambia Qualifications Authority” immediately after the word “qualification”.	