

I assent.

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**GEORGE VELLA**  
**President**

9th December, 2022

**ACT No. XVIII of 2022**

*AN ACT to amend the Health Care Professions Act, Cap. 464.*

**1.** The short title of this Act is the Health Care Professions (Amendment) Act, 2022, and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Health Care Professions Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Short title.

Cap. 464.

**2.** Immediately after sub-article (5) of article 12 of the principal Act, there shall be added the following new sub-articles:

Amendment of article 12 of the principal Act.

"(6) For the purposes of this Act, the professional activities of dental surgeon are those defined under the preceding sub-article and pursued under the professional qualifications listed in Part IIa of the Second Schedule.

(7) The profession of dental practitioner shall be based on dental training referred to in sub-article (1) and shall constitute a specific profession which is distinct from other general or specialized medical professions. The pursuit of the activities of a dental practitioner requires the possession of

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evidence of formal qualifications referred to in Part IIa of the Second Schedule. Holders of such evidence of formal qualifications shall be treated in the same way as those to whom article 42A or the Sixth Schedule apply."

Amendment of  
article 42 of the  
principal Act.

**3.** Paragraph (d) of sub-article (6) of article 42 of the principal Act shall be substituted by the following:

"(d) In the case of regulated professions which do not benefit from an automatic recognition of qualifications, the relevant Council may verify the professional qualifications of the service provider prior to the first provision of services. Such prior verification may be possible only where the purpose of the said verification is to avoid serious damage to the health or safety of the service recipient due to a lack of professional qualification of the service provider and where this does not go beyond what is necessary for that purpose."

Amendment of  
article 42A of  
the principal  
Act.

**4.** In paragraph (a) of sub-article (3) of article 42A of the principal Act the words "sub-article (1)" shall be substituted by the words "sub-article (2)".

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Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 66 of the 5th December, 2022.

ANĠLU FARRUGIA  
*Speaker*

RAYMOND SCICLUNA  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives*



