



KMPDC
Enhancing Quality Healthcare

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENGAGING UNLICENSED MEDICAL/ DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council is a body corporate established under Section 3 of the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act (CAP 253) with the mandate to regulate the training and practice of medicine, dentistry and community oral health within the Republic of Kenya. The Council is also mandated by CAP 253 to regulate health facilities within the country.

The Council wishes to remind all health facility owners, administrators practitioners, and the public of the following:

1. **Section 22(1):** Any person practicing as a medical or dental practitioner without being duly registered and licensed by KMPDC commits an offence. Upon conviction, they face a fine of up to **Ksh 5,000,000**, imprisonment for up to **five years**, or both.
2. **Section 22(4):** Any person in charge of a health institution who employs or engages an unregistered or unlicensed medical practitioner, dentist, or community oral health practitioner commits an offence. Upon conviction, they face a fine of up to **Ksh 10,000,000**, imprisonment for up to **five years**, or both.
3. Employing or engaging any medical, dental, or community oral health practitioner—whether a Kenyan citizen or a foreign national—who is not registered and licensed by KMPDC is a serious offence.
4. Foreign practitioners should only practice in the location indicated on their license. Health institutions should always inform KMPDC before engaging a foreign practitioner regardless of their licensure status.
5. All foreign practitioners including those undertaking post graduate studies in the country must register with KMPDC before engaging in work or studies for licensure assessment and issuance.
6. Any unregistered or unlicensed practitioner currently working in your health facility must be reported to the Council immediately.

KMPDC is committed to upholding patient safety and quality healthcare by ensuring only qualified and licensed practitioners operate in Kenya. Non-compliance with these regulations undermines public trust and endangers lives. The Council is actively conducting inspections and audits, including the ongoing review of foreign medical practitioners, to enforce compliance.

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