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Issuing the Regulations on organizing the practice of Alternative and Complementary Medicine and the Technical and Professional Requirements for licensing its Private facilities

Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health :

Upon perusal of Law No. (3) for the year 1975 on public health, as amended,
Decree Law No. (2) for the year 1987 on non-physicians and pharmacists' practicing allied medical professions,

Decree Law No. (7) for the year 1989 on practicing medicine and dentistry,

Decree Law No. (18) for the year 1997 on regulation of the profession of pharmacy and pharmaceutical centers, as amended by Decree Law No. (20) for the year 2015,

Law No. (38) for the year 2009 establishing the National Health Regulatory Authority, as amended by Decree Law No. (32) for the year 2015,

Law No. (62) for the year 2014 on combating commercial fraud,

Decree Law No. (21) for the year 2015 on private health facilities,

Decree No. (5) for the year 2013 on establishing the Supreme Council of Health, as amended,

Council of Ministers' resolution No. (24) for the year 2016 on issuing a list of allied medical professions,

Based on the presentation of the CEO of the Authority, and

Upon the approval of the Supreme Council of Health at its meeting No. (5) held on 28/04/2016,

Decided as follows:

Article I

The provisions of the Regulation organizing the practice of the fields of complementary and alternative medicine and the professional and technical requirements to license its private facilities, as associated to this Resolution, shall apply.

Article II

The CEO of the Authority shall implement this Resolution and shall take effect from the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health

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Regulations on organizing the practice of Alternative and Complementary Medicine and the Technical and Professional Requirements for Licensing its Private Facilities

Definitions

Article I

In applying the provisions of this Resolution, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings indicated against each of them, unless the context requires otherwise:

Authority: The National Health Regulatory Authority

Council: The Supreme Council of Health.

The competent authority: Professional Regulatory Office.

Alternative and Complementary Medicine: The diagnostic, therapeutic, preventive and rehabilitative health care systems and practices, with a view to health maintenance, care and protection through different methods and means and the use of diverse products; plant, animal, metal or otherwise, which does not fall under modern medicine and without prejudice to the provisions of Decree Law No. (18) for the year 1997 on regulating the profession of pharmacy and pharmaceutical centers.

Fields of alternative and complementary medicine: Works and specialties set out in the annexes attached to this Resolution.

Health Facility: Any non-governmental facility licensed to practice and deliver health services related to alternative and complementary medicine, subject to the supervision and control of the Authority, including, for example, the hospitals, centers, clinics and other units of complementary and alternative medicine.

Practitioner: The person licensed to practice complementary and alternative medicine.

Medical Supplies: Any medical product that comes into direct contact with the patient for the purpose of screening, diagnosis or treatment, consistently to the provisions of the applicable laws in the Kingdom, in particular Decree Law No. (2) for the year 1987 on non-physicians and pharmacists practicing allied medical professions, and Decree Law No. (7) for the year 1989 on practicing medicine, dentistry, and Legislative Decree No. (18) for the year 1997, on regulation of the profession of pharmacy and pharmaceutical centers.

Article II

Physicians practicing complementary and alternative medicine fields

Physicians licensed to practice medicine shall not practice any of the alternative and complementary medicine fields unless after obtaining a written permission from the Authority, to be valid for a period similar to that of the license to practice medicine, renewable upon meeting the requirements established in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution. The license shall be recorded in the register in accordance with the specific classification given in Article (4) of this Resolution, in accordance with the specialties of complementary and alternative medicine provided for in Appendix No. 2 attached to this Resolution.

Article III

Permission Procedures

Applications submission and review, as well as any appeal on the decisions made upon them, shall be according to the procedures and deadlines set forth in Articles (11, 12, 13) of this Regulation.

Article IV

Classification of the physicians practicing the fields of complementary and alternative medicine

Medical physicians in the complementary and alternative medicine fields shall be classified as follows:

1. Specialized Physician in complementary and alternative medicine.
2. Medical practitioner for complementary and alternative medicine.

Article V

Physicians Technical Powers

Specialized physicians may carry out the procedures and practices in the fields of alternative and complementary medicine, including the provision of medical advice, managing patients and conducting all examination, diagnosis, drugs prescriptions or treatment, as well as conducting surgical procedures and other procedures or practices, in accordance with official permission from the Authority for these practices in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

Article VI

In practicing their activities, Physicians specialized in the fields of alternative and complementary medicine shall be subject to the provisions of Decree Law No. (7) for the year 1989 on practicing medicine and dentistry, as well as the provisions of this Resolution.

Article VII

License to practice complementary and alternative medicine fields

Subject to the provisions of Decree Law No. (7) for the year 1989 on practicing medicine and dentistry, and Decree Law No. (18) for the year 1997 on regulating the profession of pharmacy and pharmacy centers, non-physicians shall not practice any of the allied technical works in the fields of complementary and alternative medicine unless after obtaining a license to do so, issued by the Authority for non-physicians, in accordance with the procedures, terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution.

Article VIII

Licensee conditions

Taking into account the requirements necessary for the license as set forth in Decree Law No. (2) for the year 1987 on non-physicians practicing allied health professions, the licensee to practice the complementary and alternative medical fields shall have to meet the following general conditions:

- 1) To be a holder of a specialized qualification in complementary and alternative medicine from a university, college or institute recognized or recorded in the medical or health authorities of the state, where the applicant has studied. The qualification shall not be adopted unless it's accredited and authenticated by the competent official authorities.
- 2) To enjoy adequate health fitness to practice the profession.
- 3) To have a clean record of sentences for moral turpitude or dishonesty, unless his innocence is proved or an amnesty decision has been issued for him by the competent authorities.
- 4) To have attended a course on first aid.

The non-Bahraini practitioners of complementary and alternative medicine shall have to acquire experience of no less than two years after the academic qualification.

Article IX

Classification of the licenses to practice complementary and alternative medicine fields

The licenses for alternative and complementary medicine fields shall be classified according to the academic qualification held by the applicant, into the following categories:

- 1) Practitioner of complementary and alternative medicine.
- 2) Technician of complementary and alternative medicine.

Article X

License Term

Granting the license to practice in the fields of complementary and alternative medicine shall be according to the categories provided for in Article (IX) of this Resolution for a period of three years, renewable for similar periods, in accordance with the specialities of the alternative or complementary licenses provided for in Annex (3) attached to this Resolution.

Article XI

License application and documents

Any person who wishes to obtain a license to practice complementary and alternative medicine shall submit a request to the concerned department in the Authority, accompanied by the following documents:

- 1) Obtained scientific degrees legally certified by the competent official authorities.
- 2) Certificates and official documents that indicate acquiring the practical training after graduation, stating the name and address of the organization where the training has been held and according to the procedures of the Authority.
- 3) Valid first aid course certificate.
- 4) Photocopy of the passport and ID.
- 5) Two recent personal photographs 4 x 6 cm.
- 6) Certificate of medical fitness issued by the competent medical committee.
- 7) Receipt of the fees paid to issue the license.

Article XII

License applications examinations

An advisory committee shall be established with members technically specialized to consider the applications referred by the CEO for licenses for practicing complementary and alternative medicine fields, and check the availability of the conditions required by law to grant such license. The said committee may validate and evaluate the submitted scientific certificates and ensure the professional competence of the applicant by being meeting the requirements of the technical evaluation. The CEO shall issue a resolution for the formation of the committee, the dates of its meetings and its work procedures, after the approval of the Council.

The committee shall decide on the license application and issue its decision thereon within thirty days from the date of application. In case of rejecting the application, such rejection shall be reasoned and the concerned department shall notify the applicant with the decision of the committee.

Article XIII

Appeal on the decisions

Any applicant whose application is rejected shall administratively appeal to the Authority within thirty days from the date of being notified of the rejection and the Authority's decision regarding the appeal shall be final.

Article XIV

Register of the licensees

A register shall be established in the concerned department in the Authority to record the licensees to practice complementary and alternative medicine fields, each category separately, to include all the data set forth in this Resolution, as well as indicting any change or modification that may occurred therein. The register shall include all the data and information of the licensee, particularly the following data:

- 1) Registration number in the register.
- 2) Name, surname, age, nationality, ID number, and means of communication of the practitioner.
- 3) Academic qualifications and the date of acquiring them, in addition to completing the relevant form.
- 4) The data on previous experiences and completing the relevant professional category reference form.
- 5) Place of work and residence.
- 6) Number and date of granting the license.

- 7) Number and date of granting of the previous license and completing the form of validating the practicing license.
- 8) Any other data determined by the Supreme Council of Health.

Article (XV)

Duties of the licensee to engage in complementary and alternative medicine fields

The licensee shall comply with the following:

- 1) Cooperation with the colleagues in the performance of his professional duties, which would achieve patients' healing or alleviating their pain.
- 2) Indicating in all correspondence, records or any document of his facility or its or his promotion, his license category and type of specialization.
- 3) Notify the Authority of any changes that may occur to the place of residence, or the place where he carries on his specialty, for the Authority to conduct its affairs in the place according to the provisions of this Resolution.
- 4) Prepare a special register for the patients' record according to the relevant requirements.
- 5) Prepare a special file for each patient to include patient's personal data, medical history, laboratory tests, diagnosis and the treatment prescribed for him; all to be recorded by the treating practitioner at each visit, accompanied by his signature and stamp.

Article XVI

The licensee shall preserve the dignity of his profession in accordance with the general professional profession prevailing in the Kingdom and shall adopt behaviors consistent with due respect to his career. In particular, the licensee shall not do any of the following acts:

- 1) Failure to respond to any correspondence directed to him by the Authority. Any delay in response with unjustifiable reason will be considered as non-response.
- 2) Keep to himself any original document of the patients or remove them from the their registers, for the purpose of extortion or compromise.
- 3) Combine with his career any other work performed personally or by proxy that could harm the fulfillment of his professional duties or not in conformity with its requirements.

- 4) Collect, personally or by proxy, funds for any individual or body, distribute leaflets or collect signatures, for illegal purposes.
- 5) Change the category of the license or add a statement thereto, in any way, unless after obtaining the approval of the Authority.
- 6) State any explicit medical or therapeutic claims about herbs or plants or claim that there are no side effects thereto, unless a scientific evidence is available.
- 7) Import, export or sale of medicinal plants, medicinal plants, hormonal herbal substances, sexual stimulants or other types of medical and therapeutic efficacy, in addition to importing or sale of narcotic herbs or plants or include narcotizing elements, as well as other materials prohibited and banned globally or locally, according to what is adopted by the Authority.
- 8) Promotion or advertising for himself, for his facility or for a complementary and alternative medicine product by any means of media and advertising media, unless with a permission by the Authority based on the rules established by the Council.

Article XVII

Practitioners of complementary and alternative medicine fields, in the event of breaching any of the professional duties and obligations, shall be subject to the Authority's established disciplinary committees, each according to his category, and subject to the same procedures applicable to all practitioners.

Article XVIII

General regulations to practice complementary and alternative medicine fields

Practicing complementary and alternative medicine fields shall be within the limits of the licensed specialization and according to the controls and powers set forth in the issued permit or license, through one of the health facilities subject to the provisions of this resolution.

Article XIX

The complementary and alternative medicine practitioners shall notify the Authority with the address of the facility where the activity shall be practiced prior to initiating their professional responsibilities, by a registered letter addressed by the practitioners to the Authority, as well as prior to changing the workplace.

Article XX

Without prejudice to the powers delegated to the physicians according to the provisions of Decree Law No. (7) for the year 1989 on practicing medicine and dentistry, it is prohibited for the parties concerned in this resolution to undertake any of the following powers:

- 1) Subscription and dispense of pharmaceuticals or injections that can be dispensed only by a prescription.
- 2) Conducting surgeries.
- 3) Withdraw or liquefy blood, with the exception of those licensed to do cupping therapy and to the extent allowed, provided taking all precautions and the provision of all medically adopted means to prevent the transmission of infection among the patients, where contaminated blood or blood derivatives are a potential source of transmission.
- 4) Amendment or addition to a prescription by a physician.
- 5) Treatment of patients with acute or serious medical conditions, or the emergency situations that require transferring to emergency departments in the hospitals, in addition to totally prohibiting treatment of infectious diseases.
- 6) Mixing, packaging or selling medical herbs or plants in any pharmaceutical form; pills or capsules, or in the form of syrup and the like of pharmaceutical forms intended for consumption.

Article XXI

Technical regulations for the physicians' practice in complementary and alternative medicine fields

For the physicians classified in Article (4) of this Resolution, taking into account the provisions of Decree Law No. (7) for the year 1989 on practicing medicine and dentistry, consistently with the powers vested in the physicians as stipulated in the law referred to, the physician shall practice the authorized complementary and alternative medicine fields with the necessary professional accuracy and honesty, in accordance with the powers included in the issued license, in accordance with the following controls:

- 1) Evaluate and diagnose patient's status based on his medical history, according to the clinical symptoms per modern medicine perspective and based on specialization of the physician. If needed, he may request to conduct some tests or analyzes appropriate for the case.
- 2) Diagnosis of patients' cases; each within his scope of specialization and according to the science and principles of the various disciplines of complementary and alternative Medicine.
- 3) Referring the patients to hospitals or clinics whenever needed.

- 4) Prescription of medicines and pharmaceuticals of alternative and complementary medicine as registered and licensed by the Authority.
- 5) Request to conduct laboratory tests and radiological images, according to his specialty, whenever needed.

Article XXII

Technical regulations

for non-physicians practicing complementary and alternative medicine fields

The licensee shall conduct his activities according to the following regulations:

- 1) Practicing his specialty within the scope and limits of the license issued to him.
- 2) Refrain from any practices that would threaten the lives of the patients or expose them to danger.
- 3) Refer Patients to hospitals or clinics whenever needed.
- 4) Adherence to prescribing the complementary and alternative medicine drugs and pharmaceutical products that can be dispensed without prescriptions, and are registered and licensed by the Authority.

Article XXIII

In case the licensee suffered illness or disability that renders him, unfit to carry out the duties of his specialization requirements, partially or completely, he and the facility where he practices shall jointly notify the Authority together and shall not practice until his condition is resolved.

The Authority shall, in all conditions, decide either to limit the activities the licensee can practice or prevent him temporarily from practicing, if his illness is temporary or expected to heal. In case his condition prevents his ability to fully carry the duties of his specialization or to meet the minimum professional competence required, his name shall be removed from the licensing records after cancellation of his license.

Article XXIV

Health facilities licensing procedures

It is prohibited to establish or run any health facility to practice complementary and alternative medicine fields without a license from the Authority. These facilities shall be subject to the requirements set forth in this Resolution, as well as to the provisions of Law No. (21) for the year 2015 on private health facilities and all resolutions issued for its implementation.

Article XXV

Submission of the application and relevant documents

License application shall be submitted to the Health facilities regulation Office at the Authority, in the application form set for the purpose, accompanied by the following documents:

- 1) Receipt of the payment of the prescribed fee.
- 2) Diagram of the facility location and another geometric layout for its structure, issued by an approved engineering office, specifying the names and measurements of the rooms.
- 3) List of medical supplies to be used.
- 4) A statement of the number of the medical, technical and administrative staff members of the facility, with a brief description of their scientific and technical qualifications and experience.
- 5) A statement of the type of the facility to be licensed, specifying the alternative and complementary medicine field(s) to be practiced therein.
- 6) Specify the managing director in charge of the facility.
- 7) Specify the technical manager of the facility.

Article XXVI

Term of License

License term shall be valid for one year renewable for similar periods, provided submitting the renewal request at least one month before expiration and after the payment of the fee determined for the purpose.

The Authority shall impose a delay fine of double the fee for license renewal in case of non-renewal during the scheduled dates, within three months from the deadline.

In all cases, the necessary conditions to obtain the license shall continue starting the renewal request.

Article XXVII

Classification of health facilities

Health facilities Licensed to provide complementary and alternative medicine services shall be classified into the following categories:

- 1) Hospital: Provides all complementary and alternative medicine services, including patients' hospitalization.

- 2) Center: Includes more than one clinic in a single complementary and alternative medicine field or more than one specialization.
- 3) Clinic: To practice one of the complementary and alternative medicine fields, to be managed only by physicians.
- 4) Unit: To practice one of the complementary and alternative medicine fields, to be managed by a practitioner or a technician in the specialties disciplines that can be practiced without the supervision of a practitioner.

Article XXVIII

Health facilities Register

A special register shall be established in the Authority for each licenses' categories subject to the provisions of this Resolution, to record the licenses. The register shall include the following data:

- 1) Facility name and address.
- 2) Owner's name.
- 3) Name of the director in charge.
- 4) Name of the technical manager.
- 5) Number and date of the facility's license.
- 6) Any other information specified by the Authority.

Article XXIX

Terms on the use of health facilities

The health facility shall be used for the licensed purpose and in accordance with the issued license. The licensee shall be held accountable for that and he shall prohibited to do any of the following:

- 1) Any action that would render the health facility in direct or indirect contact with a private residence.
- 2) Transfer the health facility from its place to another without obtaining a prior approval from the Authority.
- 3) Make any internal adjustments in the health facility without a prior approval from the Authority or in violation of the engineering license issued.
- 4) Start liquidating the health facility before notifying the Authority by at least two weeks or in the absence of the persons appointed by the Authority to attend the liquidation proceedings.
- 5) Conduct any inventory of drugs, or herbs or medical items in the health facility without notifying the Authority before starting or completing that

inventory in the absence of the person appointed by the Authority to attend these procedures.

- 6) Permit the use of the health facility, or any part thereof, for a purpose inconsistent with the law.

Article XXX

Complementary and Alternative Medicine Products and Tools

Without prejudice to the provisions of Decree Law No. 18 for the year 1997 on regulating the pharmacists profession and pharmacy centers, no facility shall be established or operated, regardless its form or size, for the purpose of manufacturing, production, processing, distribution or circulation of any materials, products, devices or tools that can be used for the purpose of alternative and complementary medicine fields, unless after obtaining a license from the concerned bodies, upon the approval of the Authority.

The license application shall be submitted to the Authority enclosing all the documents and data, in particular those relating to the nature of the project, the products that will be manufactured, the active substances used in the composition of the products, the safe means to store them and any other data the Authority deems necessary to meet.

The application shall be decided within thirty days from the date of submission. In case of rejection, it shall be reasoned. Elapse of thirty days without a response shall be deemed a rejection.

The applicant whose application is rejected may appeal to the Council within thirty days from the date of notifying him with the rejection or as of the date it is deemed rejected. The Council's decision on the appeal shall be issued within thirty days from the date of submission. The elapse of the above thirty days without a response to the appeal shall be deemed a rejection thereof.

Article XXXI

Without prejudice to the provisions of Decree Law No. 18 for the year 1997 on regulating the pharmacists profession and pharmacy centers, import or export of any alternative and complementary medicine products, tools or devices that can be used for any alternative and complementary medicine purpose, shall be prohibited, even if it is in the form of free medical samples except via the facilities legally licensed for the purpose and upon prior approval of the Authority, along with submitting the good production certificate, the product license certificate, product's labelling information, the relevant laboratory test from an accredited laboratory or any other data the Authority deems necessary.

Article XXXII

Exception from Article (31) of this Resolution, the Authority may allow the individuals, at their personal responsibility, to import products that do not need a prescription or devices or tools used in the alternative and complementary medicine treatments for personal use, whether it be in the form of packages or others, with the following conditions:

- 1) The existence of accredited medical reports stating the need to the imported products.
- 2) The quantities to be imported are limited and in accordance with the period specified for the treatment.
- 3) The containers are well sealed and shipped in a manner that preserves their therapeutic effectiveness and suitability for human use. External labels shall state the required pharmacological data.

Article XXXIII

Technical specifications and occupational safety and health requirements in Complementary and Alternative Medicine facilities

No license to be issued to open any health facility stated in Article (27) of this resolution, or consider licensing renewal for any of them, unless they meet specifications and technical requirements, as well as safety and professional health requirements set forth in Annex (4) attached to this Resolution.

Article XXXIV

Transitional Provisions

The provisions of this Resolution apply to the complementary and alternative medicine private facilities. The owners of the existing facilities are required to submit applications to adjust the status of their facilities and their licensure in accordance with the provisions of this resolution, within a period not exceeding six months from the date of this Resolution.

Article XXXV

The practitioners of complementary and alternative medicine fields, whose practice is proved to be without a license at the time of issuing this Resolution, shall adjust their status in a period not exceeding six months from the date of publishing this Resolution, after which they shall not practice unless after obtaining a license from the Authority, in accordance with the provisions and regulations set forth in this Resolution.

Annex No. (1)

Complementary and Alternative Medicine Fields Table

Acupuncture Therapy	العلاج بالوخز بالإبر الصينية
Ayurveda Medicine	الطب الهندي
Massage Therapy	العلاج بالمساج
Chiropractic	المعالجة لتقويم العمود الفقري
Herbal Therapy	العلاج بالأعشاب
Homeopathy Therapy	العلاج التجانسي
Naturopathy Therapy	المعالجة الطبيعية
Osteopathy Therapy	المعالجة بتقويم العظام
Traditional Chinese Medicine	الطب التقليدي الصيني
Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy	العلاج البيولوجي بالموجات الحركية الحيوية
Cupping Therapy	العلاج بالحجامة
Reflexology Therapy	العلاج الانعكاسي
Unani Medicine	الطب اليوناني/العربي

Annex No. (2)

Qualifications required for license issuance in Complementary and Alternative Medicine Fields Table for physicians, according to the classification set out by Article (3)

License	Required Qualification
Acupuncture Physician Practitioner	Physician holder of a training course of no less than two years on Chinese needles, of no less than 2,500 hours of training.
Ayurveda Physician Practitioner	Physician holder of a BA in traditional Indian medicine BMAS; a of study no less than four years, with the least of 4500 hours of theoretical study and 1000 hours of practice along with the Internship rotation year. Physician holder of a diploma in traditional Indian medicine, for no less than two years. Physician underwent a training course of no less than one year in traditional Indian medicine provided completing supervised practical and theoretical training courses of 1,500 hours and 500 hours.
Chiropractic Physician Practitioner	Physician holder of BA in Chiropractic medicine; a study of no less than four years, including, at least, 4200 hours of theoretical study and 1000 hours of practice. Physician attended a training course of no less than two years in Chiropractic medicine, provided that training hours are no less 2200 hours of theoretical study and 1000 hours of practice, under the supervision of a practical clinical instructor.
Homeopathy Physician Practitioner	Physician holder of BA in Homeopathy medicine; a study of no less than four years, or holder of a recognized certificate in the field, for a study of no less than three years.
Naturopathy Physician Practitioner	Physician holder of BA in Naturopathy medicine; a study of no less than three years in the field.

Osteopathy Physician Practitioner	Physician holder of BA in Osteopathy medicine; a study of no less than four years and no less than 1000 hours of practice, under a clinical supervision. Physician holder of MA in Osteopathy medicine; a study of no less than two years and no less than 1000 hours of practice, under a clinical supervision.
Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Physician Practitioner	Physician holder of BA in Traditional Chinese Medicine; a study of no less than five years and no less than 1500 hours of theoretical study and 900 hours of practice. Physician who attended a training course of two to three years; no less than 800 hours of theoretical study and 500 hours of practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine.
Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy Physician Practitioner	Physician holder of a BA in Complementary and Alternative Medicine and a diploma in Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy; a study of no less than two years, of at least 700 hours of training. Physician holder of a BA in Complementary and Alternative Medicine and a training course in Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy.
Herbal Therapy Physician Practitioner	Physician holder of BA in Herbal Therapy; a study of no less than three years. Physician holder of a diploma in Herbal Therapy; a study of no less than one year. Physician holder of MA in Herbal Therapy; a study of no less than three years.
Cupping Therapy Physician Practitioner	Physician who attended a practical training of no less than 20 hours.
Massage Therapy Physician Practitioner	Physician who attended a practical training on Massage Therapy of no less than two years; no less than 250 theoretical hours and 750 if practice.
Unani/Arab Medicine Physician Practitioner	Physician holder of BA in Unani/Arab Medicine; a study of no less than five years with the Internship rotation year or a training course of no less than three years to obtain the certificate.
Reflexology Physician Practitioner	Physician who attended a practical training on Reflexology of no less than six months.

Annex No. (3)

Qualifications required for license issuance in Complementary and Alternative Medicine Fields Table for Allied Health professionals, according to the classification set out by Article (9)

License	Required Qualification
Acupuncture Practitioner	BA in Chinese needles; a study of no less than four years with the Internship rotation year.
Ayurveda Practitioner	BA in traditional Indian medicine BMAS; a study of no less than four years, with the least of 4500 hours of theoretical study and 1000 hours of practice along with the Internship rotation.
Ayurveda Technician	Diploma in traditional Indian medicine, for no less than two years.
Chiropractic Practitioner	BA in Chiropractic medicine; a study of no less than four years. MA with no less than 4200 hours of theoretical study and 1000 hours of practice.
Homeopathy Practitioner	BA in Homeopathy medicine; a study of no less than four years. BA in one of the auxiliary medical professions and holder of Homeopathy medicine program of no less than three regular years.
Naturopathy Practitioner	BA in Naturopathy medicine; a study of no less than three years in the field as a specialist, focusing in treatment using nature and diet.
Osteopathy Practitioner	BA in Osteopathy medicine; a study of no less than four years. A Natural Therapy certificate from an acknowledged university and a training course of no less than 18 months and practical training of no less than 1000 hours.
Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Physician Practitioner	BA in Traditional Chinese Medicine; a study of no less than five years and no less than 1500 hours of theoretical study and 900 hours of practice.

Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy Practitioner	BA in a Complementary and Alternative Medicine field and a diploma in Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy; a study of no less than two years and the at least of 700 hours of training.
Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy Technician	Diploma in Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy; a study of no less than two years and the at least of 700 hours of training.
Herbal Therapy Physician Practitioner	BA in Herbal Therapy; a study of no less than three years. Diploma in Herbal Therapy; a study of no less than one year.
Cupping Therapy Physician Practitioner Cupping Therapy Technician	BA in a Complementary and Alternative Medicine field and a training course of no less than 60 hours of training. Diploma in one of the auxiliary medical professions and attended a practical training of no less than 80 hours.
Massage Therapy Practitioner Massage Therapy Technician	BA in a Complementary and Alternative Medicine field and a study of at least two years in massaging of no less than 250 theoretical hours and 750 of practice. Diploma or a certificate in massaging; a study of no less than two years.
Unani/Arab Medicine Practitioner	BA in Unani/Arab Medicine; a study of no less than five years with the Internship rotation year.
Reflexology Physician Practitioner Reflexology Technician	BA in one of the auxiliary medical professions or a Complementary and Alternative Medicine field and a course in Reflexology of no less than 6 months. Diploma or a certificate in Reflexology; a study of no less than two years

Annex No. (4)

Specifications, conditions, technical preparations, and occupational and health safety requirements to be available in complementary and alternative medicine facilities

First: Facilities subject to the provisions of this Resolution shall meet the following general conditions:

1. Facility Requirements:

- A. Municipality approval for undertaking a commercial activity in the building.
- B. Approval of the Civil Defense of the safety requirements.
- C. Contracting with competent companies to transport medical waste.
- D. The outside surrounding should be appropriate to establish a health activity, characterized by cleanliness and organization
- E. Preferable to have the premises on the ground floor or in the upper floors with an elevator ready to receive patients with special needs.
- F. Suitable internal equipping of the building and its ability to receive maintenance works.
- G. Premises and corridors shall be wide; minimum of 1.2 meters
- H. Sufficient ventilation and natural lighting
- I. Room sizes suitable for each service; minimum of 9 square meters.
- J. Walls smooth and cleanable.
- K. Easy cleaning floors (Ceramics, Marble, Granite ..)

2. Facilities and Equipment

- **Reception**
 - A. Fully equipped office
 - B. Provision of the necessary means of communication (phone, fax, and Internet service)
 - C. Provision of adequately sealed closet, sufficient for filing.
 - D. Setup patients' records.
 - E. Provision of adequate and comfortable seats.
 - F. A board to attach the instructions and circulars.

- **Waiting Room**
 - A. Size of the room shall be no less than 9 square meters or the equivalent of one square meter for each patient
 - B. Provision of adequate and comfortable seats, easy to clean
 - C. The hall shall be equipped with shelves and a table to put the various publications and means of education.
 - D. Provision of potable water and disposable cups.
 - E. The hall shall be equipped with baskets for general waste (can be opened by foot - black bags).
- **Bathrooms**, with the availability of at least one bathroom for people with special needs.
- **Health education room** (optional)
- **Staff rest room**
- **Examination and treatment room** (no less than 9 square meters), includes:
 - A. The device used in examination (if applicable)
 - B. Medical bed for examination.
 - C. Washbasin with the means of washing hands and paper towels
 - D. Means of treatment according to the authorized specialization
 - E. Means for clinical examination of patients.
 - F. Means of education and learning.
 - F. Baskets for public waste (can be opened by foot - black bags).
 - G. Baskets of medical waste (can be opened by foot - yellow bags).

Second: Facilities subject to the provisions of this Resolution shall meet the following health requirements:

1. Sterilization and organization

- A. Suitable and sufficient sterilization devices, liquids and solutions must be provided to clean the equipment and tools used prior to reusing them.
- B. Bathrooms, the floors and walls of the facility should be cleaned as required, so as to remain clean of dust and debris.
- C. Surfaces of furniture and appliances, therapeutic devices and beds shall be cleaned using medical disinfectants at least once a day or as required to prevent infections.
- D. Towels, blankets and other linens or clothing shall not be used for more than one patient before they are being replaced or washed with appropriate antiseptics before reusing them, and continuously maintain their general cleanliness.

2. Disposal of Waste

Special bags shall be assigned to keep medical wastes and residues, to be disposed of in a safe manner, not harmful to the environment or the public health, according to the standards, methods and regulations established by the General Authority for the Protection of Marine, Environmental Resources and Wildlife.

3. Prohibiting Noise Pollution

The licensee, when carrying out his activities, especially when operating devices and appliances, shall not exceed the limits determined to the intensity of sound and noise, as determined by the above referred authority.

4. Safety and Security

Facility safety and security

- A. Means of fire prevention and training shall be provide.
- B. There shall be backup exits connected freely to the facility to be used when necessary, leading to the public roads or directly to an open yard or place.
- C. If the nature of the facility's activities requires dealing with flammable or explosive liquids or materials, a special protective room or locker shall be assigned to store them, according to the technical principles under the supervision of a specialized technician in handling them.

Staff safety and security

The licensee shall provide the necessary protection of the employees in the facility, working on preventing the occupational hazards, in implementation of the occupational health and safety requirements and shall provide all relevant means to achieve that in the facility, in order to prevent contracting infections or exposure to harm. The licensee shall bear that responsibility is personally his and the license shall not be granted to the facility unless after taking the pledges and the written acknowledgements, as follows:

- A. Conducting medical examination to all employees of the facility through concerned medical committees, to determine their health fitness prior to hiring them, and should report the results of this examination to the Authority.
- B. Conducting an annual medical examination to the employees of the facility, as required or at the request of the concerned authority, to determine the competency to continue working.

- C. Commitment to vaccinate all employees of the facility against infectious diseases, and submitting a proof to conducting the same to the concerned body.
- D. Ensure that all employees of the facility have been trained or educated sufficiently to deal with the medical devices in the facility, as well as training them the methods of transferring patients by the wheel chairs prepared for the purpose or carrying them on beds, each according to his professional specialization.
- E. Prohibiting smoking entirely inside the facility, putting a warning sign that indicates such prohibition, written in Arabic and English languages, to be put in a prominent place in the facility.
- F. Conducting periodic maintenance, as scheduled, to the devices used inside the facility to ensure the availability of safety requirements for the technicians operating these devices, as well as the patients.
- G. Not allowing the patients to use the medical equipment by themselves unless through one of the competent employees of the facility and under his direct supervision.
- H. The director of the facility or his authorized representative shall be responsible for the safety of the employees at the facility when the number of employees does not exceed fifty persons. In case of exceeding that number, the responsibility shall be entrusted to an occupational safety specialist whose qualifications and experiences suit his work in this field. Any failure in taking the necessary precautions to maintain the professional integrity of the employees at the facility shall be the responsibility of the director personally or the professional safety officer, as the case shall be.