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# **THE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS REGISTRATION LAWS 1989 TO 2005**

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140 of 1989  
36(I) of 1998  
76(I) of 2004  
101(I) of 2005.

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# **A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

The House of Representatives enacts as follows:

Short title.  
140 of 1989\*  
36(I) of 1998\*  
76(I) of 2004\*  
101(I) of 2005.\*

**1.** This Law may be cited as the Physiotherapists Registration Laws, 1989 to 2005.

## **PART I – INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS**

Interpretation.

**2.** In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires:

2(b) of 76(I) of 2004.\*

“Agreement on the European Economic Area” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto, on 2 May 1992, as amended from time to time;

“Association” means the Pancyprian Association of Cyprus Physiotherapists established pursuant to section 17;

2(b) of 101(I) of 2005.\*

“Board” means the Board for the Registration of Physiotherapists and Physiotherapy establishments established pursuant to section 3;

2(b) of 76(I) of 2004.\*

“member state” means a member state of the European Union, any other contracting party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation;

“Minister” means the Minister of Health;

2(b) of 101(I) of 2005.\*

“physiotherapy” is the service in the health sector, which is provided to persons for the promotion, preservation and restoration of maximum functional ability and movement and is, in particular, concerned with the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of pathological conditions and injuries causing disorders to the skeletal,

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

muscular, neural, respiratory and cardiovascular system by the use of natural approaches and may include the application of kinesitherapy, physiotherapeutic manipulations, therapeutic massages, electrotherapy, respiratory therapy, hydrotherapy;

2(b) of 101(I) of 2005.\*

“practising physiotherapy” means the right of a registered physiotherapist possessing a licence, to practise physiotherapy;

“Register” means the Register of Physiotherapists kept under section 5;

2(b) of 101(I) of 2005.\*

“Register of Physiotherapy Establishments” means the Register kept under section 5A;

2(a) of 101(I) of 2005.\*

“Registrar” means the person, whether a registered physiotherapist or not, appointed by the Council of Ministers by a notification published in the official Gazette of the Republic for the purposes of this Law;

2(b) of 76(I) of 2004.\*

Cap. 250.

30 of 1959

30 of 1961

53 of 1961

79 of 1968

114 of 1968

14 of 1974

18 of 1979

72 of 1991

66(I) of 1995

112(I) of 1996

102 (I) of 2004

24(I) of 2009.

2(b) of 101(I) of 2005.\*

“registered medical practitioner” means a medical practitioner registered in the Medical Register provided under the Medical Registration Law;

“registered physiotherapy establishment” means a physiotherapy establishment registered as such in the Register of Physiotherapy Establishments;

“registered physiotherapist” means a physiotherapist registered in the Register;

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

2(a) of 76(I) of  
2004\*.

“registered practising doctor” *Repealed*;

“Republic” means the Republic of Cyprus.

## **PART II – BOARD**

Board.  
3 of 101(I) of  
2005.\*

**3.-(1)** There shall be established a Board for the Registration of Physiotherapists and Physiotherapy Establishments, appointed by the Council of Ministers upon a proposal of the Minister and shall consist of:

- (a) three registered physiotherapists holding a post in the public service of the Republic; and
- (b) four registered physiotherapists employed in private practice and nominated by the general meeting of the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists.

(2) The Members of the Board shall elect one of them as Chairman thereof.

(3) The Chairman shall convene the meetings of the Board, and shall be bound to do so when requested by three members of the Board, shall draw up the agenda, being obliged to include therein any relevant matter which may be required by any member of the Board and shall preside at the meetings. In the absence of the Chairman the members present shall elect one of them to preside at that meeting.

(4) The Chairman and three other members or in the absence of the Chairman, any five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

(5) The Board shall decide by majority of votes of its members present; in the case of equality, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. The decisions of the Board shall be restricted to the issues of the agenda.

(6) In the case of temporary absence or incapacity of the Chairman or other member of the Board, the Council of Ministers may, subject to the composition of the Board provided for in subsection (1), appoint any other person to act as Chairman or member, as the case may be, during such absence or incapacity.

(7) The Board may operate irrespective of any vacancy in any seat thereof.

(8) The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Law, regulate the convening of its meetings, the procedure to be followed thereat and the keeping of minutes.

(9) The members of the Board shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of their appointment:

Provided that, the Council of Ministers may, at any time, revoke the appointment of any member, if any serious cause in that behalf exists.

(10) All members of the Board not belonging to the public service of the Republic may resign from their seat upon submitting a written resignation to the Minister.

Establishment of  
the Fund of the  
Board.  
4 of 101(I) of  
2005.\*

**4.-(1)** There shall be established a fund entitled "Fund of the Board" under the responsibility and the general management of the Board, operating according to internal rules issued for the purpose by the

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

Board.

(2) The resources of the Board shall include all the fees collected under this Law.

### PART III – REGISTERED PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

Register.

5.-(1) The Registrar shall have the duty, within three months from the date of the entry into force of this Law, to form and keep thereafter a Register of Physiotherapists in which there shall be registered the name, address and qualifications of every person who is entitled to be registered therein, together with any other particulars the Board may deem necessary.

(2) The Registrar shall keep the Register up to date and shall make therein any necessary alterations with regard to the address or qualifications or any other particulars of the persons registered therein and shall remove from the Register the name of any person who has died, or ceased to be qualified or whose name has been erased from the Register under the provisions of this Law.

(3) A copy of the Register, as corrected up to date shall be published under the hand of the Registrar, in the official Gazette of the Republic in the month of January in every year.

(4) The publication of such copy shall be *prima facie* evidence that the persons named therein are registered physiotherapists and the absence of the name of any person from such copy shall be *prima facie* evidence that such person is not so registered:

5 of 101(I) of  
2005.

Provided that, the Registrar shall, upon payment of the prescribed registration fee, issue a certificate of registration in the

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

First  
Schedule.

form set out in the First Schedule.

Register for  
Physiotherapy  
establishments.  
6 of 101(I) of  
2005.

**5A.**-(1) The Registrar shall, within six months from the entry into force of this Law, form and keep a Register for Physiotherapy Establishments in which there shall be registered any licenced physiotherapy establishments, as well as any other relevant particulars as the Board may deem necessary.

(2) The Registrar shall keep the Register for Physiotherapy Establishments up to date and shall make the necessary alterations therein.

Requirements for  
registration of a  
physiotherapy  
establishment.  
6 of 101(I) of  
2005.

**5B.**-(1) Each physiotherapy establishment shall be registered in the Register of Physiotherapy Establishments, if the Board is satisfied that:

- (a) it is managed by a registered physiotherapist;
- (b) it fulfills the requirements laid down by Regulations made under this Law within six months from the date of the entry into force of this Law;
- (c) a registration fee of eighty five euros<sup>\*\*</sup> has been paid:

Provided that, the Registrar shall, on payment of the prescribed fee, issue a certificate of registration stating, inter alia, the name of the head physiotherapist, in the form set out in the Second Schedule.

Second  
Schedule.

(2) Physiotherapy establishments which were in operation immediately prior to the entry into force of this Law and are managed by registered physiotherapists, may, for a period of six months from the date of the entry into force of the Regulations made under

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<sup>\*\*</sup> P.I. 312/2007 issued pursuant to section 9(1) of the Adoption of the Euro Law, 2007 (L.33(I) of 2007, as amended).

subsection (1), be registered and obtain a licence of operation as if this Law had not been enacted, subject to the provisions of subsection (3).

(3) Where any physiotherapy establishment due to objective inability cannot promptly and fully conform with the provisions of subsection (2), the Board may issue a licence of operation, provided that the said physiotherapy establishment fulfills the minimum prerequisites prescribed by the Board.

Licence to  
operate a  
physiotherapy  
establishment.  
6 of 101(I) of  
2005.\*

**5C.** The Board shall grant to any registered physiotherapists, upon payment of the prescribed fee, a licence to operate a physiotherapy establishment, which is renewable every two years.

Placing signs.  
6 of 101(I) of  
2005.\*

**5D.** Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, every physiotherapist may place outside his physiotherapy establishment a sign the content of which shall be prescribed by internal regulations prescribed by the Board.

Qualifications  
required for  
registration in the  
Register.  
7 of 101(I) of  
2005.\*

**6.-(1)** Every person shall be entitled to be registered in the Register of physiotherapists upon payment of the prescribed fee, if the Board is satisfied that-

- (a) he is a citizen of the Republic or of a member state or is at the submission of his application the spouse or child of a citizen of the Republic having his ordinary residence in the Republic;
- (b) he has not been convicted, in the last five years, for an offence involving moral turpitude or dishonesty;
- (c) he is the holder of a degree or diploma of physiotherapy

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

Third  
Schedule.

granted by a University or other equivalent educational institution recognized by the Board, according to the Board's established criteria referred to in the Third Schedule, which are in conformity with the guidelines in force of the European Union and the World Confederation for Physical Therapy and in particular with the European Physiotherapy Benchmark Statement:

Provided that, in case the applicant meets all the requirements for registration but does not meet the requirement of practical training, then the Board may require the applicant to complete a practical training period of six months in a public physiotherapy establishment.

3(c) of 76(I) of  
2004.

(2) For the registration of citizens of member states in the Register, the provisions of subsection (1) shall apply subject to the provisions of the General System for the Recognition of Professional Qualifications Law.

179(I) of 2002  
129(I) of 2003.

3(d) of 76(I) of  
2004.\*

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (1), the Council of Ministers may, in exceptional cases, allow, upon a recommendation of the Board, the registration of any person who, though is not a citizen of the Republic or of a member state, has the remaining qualifications referred to in the above subsection, for such period as the Board may fix in each case.

Procedure for  
registration in the  
Registers.  
8 of 101(I) of  
2005.\*

Fourth  
Schedule.

7.-(1) Applications for registration in the Register of Physiotherapists and the Register of Physiotherapy establishments shall be submitted to the Registrar, in the form set out in Fourth and Fifth Schedules, respectively, together with the necessary documents as specified in

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

the applications.

(2) The Registrar shall present the applications to the Board which shall, subsequently, within two months, notify the relevant decision to the Registrar and the applicant.

(3) In the case the Board rejects an application for registration in any of the Registers, the fee paid shall be deemed to be expenses for the examination of the application.

(4) The Board may request an advice or opinion by competent bodies or persons in respect of any matter arising during the examination of an application for the registration of a member in the Register.

(5) The Registrar shall inform in writing the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists for the registration of new physiotherapists and physiotherapy establishments in the respective Registers.

#### **PART IV –PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION**

Practice of the  
profession.

9(a) of 101(I) of  
2005.

**8.**—(1) After the lapse of twelve months from the entry into force of this Law and subject to the provisions thereof, no person shall be entitled—

- (a) to practise or profess to practise, physiotherapy;
- (b) to use any name, trademark or title containing the words “physiotherapist”, “physiotherapy” or “physiotherapy establishment”;
- (c) to receive or claim any reward for providing physiotherapy,

9(b) of 101(I) of  
2005.\*

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

unless he is a registered physiotherapist and no penalty of suspension of his licence to practise physiotherapy has been imposed on him.

9(c) of 101(I) of 2005.\*

(2) After the lapse of twelve months from the entry into force of this Law and subject to the provisions thereof, no person shall use any place as a physiotherapy establishment, unless that place is under the management of a registered physiotherapist.

(3) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of subsection (1) shall be guilty of a criminal offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding two hundred fifty six euros\*\* or to both such penalties.

Practice of physiotherapy. 10 of 101(I) of 2005.

**9.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), registered physiotherapists shall, within the limits of their knowledge and skills, be entitled to accept directly patients choosing to visit them without referral from a medical practitioner.

(2) The physiotherapist shall be confined to the limits of his knowledge and professional adequacy:

Provided that, a patient receiving any medical treatment shall not be given physiotherapy for his condition or which may affect his condition without a referral with a comprehensive medical diagnosis from a registered medical practitioner.

(3) A registered physiotherapist, before giving physiotherapy to a patient, shall inform him appropriately of the methods to be followed and the anticipated result.

Licence to practise the

**10.**—(1) No registered physiotherapist shall practise the profession of

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

\*\*P.I. 312/2007 issued pursuant to section 9(1) of the Adoption of the Euro Law, 2007 (L.33(I) of 2007, as amended)

profession.  
11 of 101(I) of  
2005.\*  
Sixth  
Schedule.

physiotherapy unless he is granted an annual licence to practise by the Board in the form set out in the Sixth Schedule and upon the payment of a fee, as prescribed by the Board.

(2) The annual licence shall expire on the thirty-first day of December next following the date of issue.

(3) Any registered physiotherapist who practises the profession of physiotherapy not being the holder of an annual licence in force at the time, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred seventy euros\*\*.

Practice of  
physiotherapy  
upon permission  
of the Council of  
Ministers.

**11.** Notwithstanding the provisions of this Law, the Council of Ministers may allow the practice of physiotherapy to any person visiting the Republic, upon an invitation or request of the Minister to provide any services in his capacity as a physiotherapist, for such period and on such terms as the Council of Ministers may impose.

Provision of  
services by  
citizens of  
member states.  
5 of 76(I) of  
2004.\*

**11A.**-(1) A physiotherapist, citizen of a member state, who has his residence and practises physiotherapy in a member state other than the Republic, may temporarily provide services as a physiotherapist within the Republic without the obligation to possess an annual licence in accordance with section 10 and without the obligation to be registered in the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists.

(2) For the provision of services by virtue of subsection (1), the person concerned shall be bound to produce documents to the Board from the member state of descent or origin showing that he has his residence and practises physiotherapy in that member state.

(3) The Board shall keep a register of the physiotherapists

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

\*\*P.I. 312/2007 issued pursuant to section 9(1) of the Adoption of the Euro Law, 2007 (L.33(I) of 2007, as amended)

providing services pursuant to subsection (1).

(4) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1), a physiotherapist providing services pursuant to this section, shall be subject to all the provisions of the Law.

## **PART V - DISCIPLINE**

Disciplinary  
Board.

**12.-(1)** There shall be established a Disciplinary Board to exercise disciplinary power over registered physiotherapists.

(2) The Disciplinary Board shall consist of the following:

(a) Two members of the Law Office of the Republic, nominated by the Attorney-General of the Republic;

(b) three registered physiotherapists, nominated by the Board; and

(c) *Repealed.*

12 of 101(l) of  
2005.\*

(3) The Chairman of the Disciplinary Board shall be the member of the Law Office of the Republic nominated for the purpose by the Attorney-General of the Republic and in case of absence or incapacity of that person the other member shall exercise the duties of the Chairman.

(4) The term of office of the members of the Disciplinary Board shall be three years.

(5) The Chairman of the Disciplinary Board or the member who exercises the duties of the Chairman and two other members shall constitute a quorum.

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

(6) The decisions of the Disciplinary Board shall be taken by majority of votes and in case of equality, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

Disciplinary  
prosecution.

**13.** A registered physiotherapist shall be subject to disciplinary prosecution –

- (a) if he is convicted by a Court for an offence involving dishonesty or moral turpitude;
- (b) if, in the opinion of the Disciplinary Board, he has shown disgraceful or unprofessional conduct during the practice of the profession of physiotherapist;
- (c) if he contravenes the obligations imposed on him under this Law or the Regulations made thereunder.

Disciplinary  
investigation.

**14.-(1)** If any complaint for a disciplinary offence has been filed to the Board against a registered physiotherapist, the Board shall refer the complaint to the Minister, who shall forthwith appoint an officer of the Ministry (in this section referred to as “the investigating officer”) to conduct an investigation.

(2) The investigating officer shall forthwith conduct the investigation and during the investigation conducted by him, he shall have the power to hear any witnesses or to take any written statement from any person.

(3) The accused registered physiotherapist shall be entitled to have knowledge of the case against him and shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

(4) After the completion of the investigation, the investigating officer shall submit his report to the Board, which shall refer it to the Attorney-General of the Republic for his advice.

(5) The Attorney-General of the Republic shall advise the Board whether a disciplinary charge may be brought against the accused and in case of an advice to the affirmative, then he shall draft the charge.

(6) On receiving the disciplinary charge by the Attorney-General of the Republic, the Board shall send it to the Disciplinary Board.

Disciplinary  
proceeding.

**15.**-(1) The Disciplinary Board, shall, within two weeks of the date of receipt of the disciplinary charge, cause summons in the prescribed form to be issued and served upon the accused in the prescribed manner.

(2) The hearing of the case before the Disciplinary Board shall be conducted, *mutatis mutandis*, in the same manner as the hearing of a criminal case tried summarily:

Provided that, the Disciplinary Board shall have the power to admit any evidence even if the same would not have been admissible in any criminal proceedings.

(3) The Disciplinary Board shall have the power—

(a) to summon witnesses and require their attendance as well as that of the accused in the same manner as in trials conducted summarily;

(b) to demand the production of any document relevant to the charge.

(4) Every decision of the Disciplinary Board must be reasoned and signed by the Chairman thereof.

Disciplinary  
penalties.

**16.** The Disciplinary Board, may, if it finds the accused guilty,

impose any of the following penalties:

- (a) Striking off the name of such person from the Register or from the list, as the case may be;
- (b) suspension of the licence to practise physiotherapy for such period as the Disciplinary Board may think fit;
- (c) payment in the form of a fine of a sum not exceeding eight hundred fifty four euros\*;
- (d) oral or written reprimand.

## **PART VI –ASSOCIATION OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS**

Establishment of the Association.

**17.** There shall be established a Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists, which shall consist of all registered physiotherapists practising in the Republic.

Ordinary general meeting of the Association.

**18.-(1)** The Director-General of the Ministry of Health, not later than six months from the entry into force of this Law, and, the Chairman of the Board of the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists, not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of January in each subsequent second year, shall summon all registered physiotherapists practising in the Republic, to an ordinary general meeting at a time and place fixed by him.

(2) An invitation to the meeting referred to in subsection (1) shall be sent to all persons entitled to attend and to vote at such meeting specifying the time and place of the meeting. Such invitation shall be sent no more than fourteen days and no less than eight days prior to the date of the meeting:

Provided that, in lieu of the abovementioned invitations, a

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\*P.I. 312/2007 issued pursuant to section 9(1) of the Adoption of the Euro Law, 2007 (L.33(I)of 2007, as amended)

publication may be made in at least two daily morning newspapers.

(3) The Chairman of the Board of the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists or in his absence or incapacity or in the absence of a Chairman, a member designated by the general meeting for the purpose shall preside over the meeting and thirty physiotherapists present shall constitute a quorum:

Provided that, if within half an hour from the time appointed, no quorum is formed the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same time and day in the following week, in which case any physiotherapists present shall constitute a quorum.

(4) All questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the physiotherapists present and in the case of equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

(5) The ordinary general meeting of the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists shall proceed amongst other things to the election of:

- (a) Seven registered physiotherapists to constitute the Board of the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists;
- (b) four registered physiotherapists in the private practice to represent the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists to the Board:

Provided that, in case of a vacancy in the seat of a member of the Board nominated under paragraph (b) for any reason, the Board of the Association shall nominate to the Council of Ministers for appointment to the vacant seat, another registered physiotherapist, who shall hold the seat until the expiration of the term of office of the member in whose seat he is appointed.

Physiotherapists shall hold office until the next elections.

(2) The Board of the Association shall elect amongst its members its Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

(3) Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

(4) All questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes of members present and in case of equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

(5) The Chairman of the Board of the Association shall convene the meetings of the Board, and he shall be bound to do so upon a written request of not less than three members, specifying the purpose of the meeting, he shall draw up the agenda and shall preside over the meetings at which he shall be present and if he is absent or incapacitated, the Vice-Chairman shall preside and in the case of absence or incapacity of the Vice-Chairman, the members present shall elect one of them to preside.

(6) The Board of the Association shall regulate its own work, the convening of its meetings and the procedure followed at its meetings.

Extraordinary  
general meeting.

**20.**-(1) The Board of the Association may, whenever it thinks fit, and it shall upon a request made in writing by one-fourth of the members of the Association and in any case by not less than twenty members, summon an extraordinary general meeting.

(2) If the Board of the Association does not within thirty days of such request proceed duly to convene such meeting, any forty physiotherapists of those making the request may convene an extraordinary general meeting.

(3) The request shall state the purpose of the meeting and shall be signed by those making it.

(4) The provisions of subsections (2), (3), with the exception of the provisos thereof and of subsection (4) of section 18, shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to any general meeting convened under this section.

(5) If within half an hour from the time appointed no quorum is formed, the extraordinary general meeting shall be dissolved.

Subscription to  
the Association.  
13 of 101(I) of  
2005.\*

**21.-(1)** The members of the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists shall pay an annual subscription, the amount of which shall be fixed by the general meeting.

(2) A subscription payable under subsection (1) may be sued for and collected as a debt due to the Board of the Association and, without prejudice to his liability to pay such fee, no registered physiotherapist may attend any meeting of the Association held under the provisions of this Law or be eligible for election to the Board of the Association, unless he has first paid the subscription payable by him under this Law.

Powers of the  
Board.

**22.** The Board of the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists shall consider all matters relating to the profession and shall take such action thereon, as it may deem expedient and, without prejudice to the generality of this provision, shall have the following powers—

- (a) to promote and protect the status of the profession;
- (b) to set up any committees for the better carrying out of its functions;
- (c) to deal with any matter relevant to the profession of physiotherapist;

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

- (d) to work for the promotion and improvement of the level of physiotherapy in the Republic;
- (e) to deal with issues of ethics and to examine and make suggestions on the legislation for the time being in force relating to the profession of physiotherapist;
- (f) to issue a membership card.

14 of 101(I) of 2005.\*

Code of ethics.  
15 of 101(I) of 2005.\*  
Seventh  
Schedule.

**22A.** The code of ethics of the profession of physiotherapist shall be as set out in the Seventh Schedule.

## PART VII – MISCELLANEOUS

Fraudulent or incorrect entries.

**23.** Any entry in the Register, which is proved to the satisfaction of the Board to have been fraudulently or incorrectly made may be erased and any entry which is proved to be incorrect shall be corrected:

Provided that, a record of the reasons for every such erasure or correction shall be inserted in the Register and signed by the Chairman of the Board.

Criminal offences and penalties.

**24.** Any person who—

- (a) procures or attempts to procure himself or any other person to be registered by any false or fraudulent representations;
- (b) willfully and falsely pretends to be, or takes or uses any title, name, description or addition implying that he is a registered physiotherapist;
- (c) practises or professes to practise physiotherapy in contravention of the provisions of this Law;

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

- (d) being a registered physiotherapist and having been suspended from practising, during the period of such suspension, practises or professes to practise physiotherapy,

shall be guilty of a criminal offence and shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding two hundred fifty six euros\*\* or to both such penalties.

Regulations.

**25.**-(1) The Council of Ministers may make Regulations to be published in the official Gazette of the Republic for prescribing any matter which under this Law is required to be or may be prescribed for the better carrying into effect of the provisions of this Law.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (1), Regulations made under this section, may:

16 of 101(I) of 2005.\*

- (a) Regulate the professional ethics of physiotherapists, which must conform with the directions of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy;
- (b) prescribe the fees provided for by this Law;
- (c) specify the documents to be used for any purpose of this Law; and
- (d) provide for the preservation and improvement of the level of physiotherapy in the Republic.

Entry into force.

**26.** This Law shall come into force on a date to be fixed by the Council of Ministers by a notification published in the official Gazette of the Republic.

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**FIRST SCHEDULE**  
**(Section 5)**

**REPUBLIC**



**OF CYPRUS**

**THE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS REGISTRATION LAW**  
**(LAW 140 OF 1989)**

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**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF A PHYSIOTHERAPIST**  
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is registered as a physiotherapist pursuant to the provisions of  
section 5 of the Physiotherapists Registration Law

Issued in Nicosia on .....

Fee: €51\*\*

.....  
Chairman of the Board for the  
Registration of Physiotherapists

\* See Note at the end of the text.

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**SECOND SCHEDULE**

**(Section 5A)**

**REPUBLIC**



**OF CYPRUS**

**THE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS REGISTRATION LAW  
(LAW 140 OF 1989)**

**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF A PHYSIOTHERAPY  
ESTABLISHMENT**

is registered as a physiotherapy establishment pursuant to the  
provisions of section 5A of the Physiotherapists Registration Law

Name of the head physiotherapist .....

Issued in Nicosia on .....

Fee: €85\*\*

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Chairman of the Board for the  
Registration of Physiotherapists

\* See Note at the end of the text.

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## THIRD SCHEDULE

### (Section 6)

#### **Criteria for the registration of Physiotherapists in the Register**

A. Sector: Theory

B. Sector: Clinical training

C. Sector: Practical training

1. The health faculty and the curriculum of studies must lead to the obtaining of the title of physiotherapist or its equivalent recognized by the professional association of the country that is a member of WCPT.
2. The title of studies must be recognized by the competent authorities of the country of studies.
3. The curriculum of studies must prepare the physiotherapist to practise the profession in an autonomous manner.
4. Experience in clinical practice under the supervision of appropriately trained physiotherapists must be an integral part of the studies.
5. The curriculum of studies must in general terms include the following courses:

#### **A. Sector - Theory (Courses):**

##### **1. Special courses**

Anatomy and physiology of the human body with emphasis on the function of the skeletal, muscular, cardiovascular, respiratory and neural systems.

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

Orthopedics, Surgery, Pathology, Nosology, Neurology, Neurophysiology, Ergophysiology, Pathophysiology, Sports Medicine, basic Radiography. Instruction with problem solving approach. Knowledge must be sufficient to:

- allow the recognition of malfunction through appropriate evaluation;

- afford the ability to select, program, apply, direct and evaluate physiotherapeutic intervention with intention to restore a person's functional ability, to the extent possible, taking into consideration that person's health, environment and needs.

Human growth and development through life.

## **2. General courses**

Biophysics (special principles and theories), biochemistry, biostatics, biometry, ergonomics, hydrostatics, study and analysis of movement and function. Understanding of their principles and how they apply in particular approaches, techniques and procedures used in physiotherapy.

## **3. Specialist courses**

Kinesitherapy, kinesiology, restoration of neurological conditions, physiotherapy in conditions and injuries of the muscular and skeletal systems (therapeutic manipulation, motility inducing manipulation), physiotherapy in conditions of the vessels and heart, hydrotherapy, respiratory physiotherapy, physical medicine and restoration, clinical practice.

#### **4. Humanities**

Sociology, Psychology.

Understanding of the affect that the disease has on a person and how this knowledge may be incorporated in the practice of physiotherapy.

#### **5. Electro-physical means**

Electro-physical means relying on the healing qualities of electric, thermal, sonar, magnetic and light energy.

#### **6. Code of ethics**

#### **7. Recognition of malfunctions – Evaluation – Programming – Application**

#### **B. Sector - Clinical Training (verifiable in one of the following ways)**

- Included in the detailed curriculum of studies with reference to the sectors covered.
- Separate verification from the school or the hospitals on the sectors covered.

#### **C. Sector – Practical training:**

Practice, included in the curriculum of studies, taking place in the final year of studies under the supervision of experienced physiotherapists and, in no case, less than 1000 hours.

Certified by hospital or hospitals in which it has taken place, with notification of the time, place, duration and the name of the supervising physiotherapist.

## FOURTH SCHEDULE

## (Section 7)

**BOARD FOR THE REGISTRATION OF CYPRUS PHYSIOTHERAPISTS**  
**PART A**

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION IN THE CYPRUS REGISTER**  
**OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS**

**Personal Information:**

(Please in capitals)

Surname: .....		Married		Single	
Name: .....	Sex	Male		Female	

Family Name: .....

Date of Birth:

Day      Month      Year

(for married women)

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Nationality: .....

Identity Card Number: .....

(for non Cypriots)

Nationality of spouse (for married applicants): ....

Permanent residence address (Contact address for the Board)

Street: .....

Municipality/village: .....

Postal Code: .....

City: .....

Home Tel. No.: .....

Work Tel. No: .....

\* See Note at the end of the text.

Mobile: .....

E-mail address: .....

**Qualifications:**

Please state all the qualifications you have obtained in relation to your profession, such as basic training (BSc etc.), Master, Phd etc and the date you have obtained them:

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**Application No .....**    **FOR SERVICE USE .....**    **Registration No .....**

Date of receipt of application		Approved	Rejected
Registration fee			
Registration date			

**BOARD FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS**  
**PART B**

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION IN THE CYPRUS REGISTER  
OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS**

Duration of registration: Permanent ☐  
Temporary ☐ (only for non Cypriot citizens)

**General Information:**

Academic/Professional training of applicant (Secondary/post-secondary education)

Secondary      Beginning      End      ☐ ☐      ☐ ☐

Full Name of the School of physiotherapy/university from which you have obtained your diploma:

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Full address of physiotherapy school/university: .....

Phone No: .....

Fax No: .....

E-mail address: .....

Details of basic training in physiotherapy:

	1	2	3	4
Duration in years (mark X in the appropriate boxes)				
Number of weeks per academic year				
Number of teaching hours per week				

Date of beginning of studies: .... / .... / ..... Date of completion of studies: .... / .... / .....

Academic title:

Diploma: .....

BSc: .....

Other: .....

**Details of Clinical Training:**

Date of beginning and expiration	Hours per week	Hospital/ Clinic	Supervisor	Fields Covered

**Necessary documents:**

(Original certificates/diplomas must be produced and photocopies certified and translated by the Press and Information Office of the Republic, must be attached if necessary)

**A. For all applicants:**

Certificate of Secondary School ☐

Degree/ Diploma ☐

Certificate of birth ☐

Certificate of marriage for married non Cypriots ☐

Detailed curriculum of studies ☐

Certificate of practical training ☐

Certificate of clean criminal record  
(not more than three months must have elapsed from the date of its issue) ☐

The Board may request a certificate of recognition of the professional title of studies by the competent authorities of the country of studies ☐

**B. Additional information for non Cypriot citizens of the European Union:**

Passport ☐

Certificate of recognition of the professional title of studies by the competent authority of the applicant's country of origin ☐

Licence to practise the profession (Certificate of period of working experience) ☐

Certificate of employment by a Cypriot employer ☐

**Solemn declaration:**

1. I hereby declare that the above information is duly complete and true.
2. I am pledged, in case of registration, to conform in every respect to the provisions of the law and the regulations in force.

Full Name of applicant

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Signature

Date

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Full Name of witness

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Signature

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Revenue Stamp: €8\*

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**FIFTH SCHEDULE****(Section 7)**

**BOARD FOR THE REGISTRATION OF CYPRUS PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND  
PHYSIOTHERAPY ESTABLISHMENTS**

**Application for registration in the Cyprus Register of  
Physiotherapy establishments**

**Personal Information:**

(Please in capitals)

Surname: .....		Married		Single	
Name: .....	Sex	Male		Female	

Day    Month    Year

Family name: .....

Date of Birth:

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(for married women)

Nationality: .....

Identity Card Number: .....

(For non Cypriots)

Nationality of spouse (for married applicants): .....

Permanent residence address (Contact address for the Board)

Street: .....

Municipality/village: .....

Postal code: .....

City: .....

\* See Note at the end of the text.

Home Tel. No.: .....

Work Tel. No: .....

Mobile: .....

E-mail address: .....

Number of Registration in the Physiotherapists Register: .....

Address of Physiotherapy establishment: .... ..

Street: .....

Municipality/village: .....

P o s t a l C o d e : .....

City: .....

Phone No: .....

E-Mail address: .....

**Name of physiotherapy establishment:** .....

Necessary Documents

Registration in the Physiotherapists Register

Licence to practise the profession

Licence of operation of Physiotherapy establishment

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Signature: .....

Revenue Stamp: €8\*

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**SIXTH SCHEDULE**  
**(Section 10)**

**REPUBLIC**



**OF CYPRUS**

**THE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS REGISTRATION LAW**  
**(LAW 140 OF 1989)**

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**Licence to practise the profession**  
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From:.....

Until:.....

.....  
Chairman of the Board for the  
Registration of Physiotherapists

\* See Note at the end of the text.

**SEVENTH SCHEDULE**  
**(Section 22A)**

**Code of ethics**

**Interpretation**

1. In this code, unless the context otherwise requires, all terms shall have the meaning assigned to them by the Physiotherapists Registration Laws, 1989 to 2004.

**Scope of application**

2. This code shall be implemented by all registered physiotherapists possessing a licence to practise the profession of physiotherapist.

**Professional conduct**

3. (1) The physiotherapist must always keep in mind that he is dedicated in the service of people's health and that he must consciously perform his work, in strict compliance with the relevant legislation in force and according to the commands of the physiotherapeutic morals and rules.

(2) The physiotherapist must communicate, inform and cooperate with the attending doctor of the patient, in case medical diagnosis is required and/or the patient is undergoing medical treatment.

**Preserving the honor of the profession**

4. The physiotherapist must be an example of an honest and respectable person in all aspects of his private and public life.

**Duty to the state, the patients etc.**

5. (1) The physiotherapist must respond to his role and mission which creates duties and obligations upon him towards:

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\* See Note at the end of the text.

- (i) the state,
- (ii) the patients,
- (iii) the profession and to each of his colleagues.

(2) Every physiotherapist must provide his services to the patients in such conscientious and diligent manner as befits a registered physiotherapist.

### **Compliance with the code of ethics**

6. Every physiotherapist must strictly comply with the code of ethics intended to guarantee and ensure the proper exercise of the profession.

### **Obligation to comply with the legislation in force**

7. The physiotherapist must comply with the legislation in force for the time being.

### **Integral and intact professional independence**

8. The physiotherapist shall not be allowed to compromise his scientific and professional independence, which he must maintain integral and intact.

### **Prohibition of unlawful collaboration**

9. Partnership or any other unlawful collaboration between the physiotherapist and doctors or other persons, aimed at extracting unacceptable fees against the patient shall be prohibited.

### **Covering illegalities**

10. The physiotherapist must not afford, or allow or offer to cover or otherwise protect persons who aim at practising physiotherapy illegally, or have any collaboration with such persons.

### **Chase of customers**

11. The physiotherapist must not use deceitful or undignified means in order to chase customers.

## **Compliance with decisions of the Board of the Pancyprrian Association of Physiotherapists**

12. The physiotherapist must comply with the decisions of the Board of the Pancyprrian Association of Physiotherapists.

## **Professional confidentiality**

13.(1) The physiotherapist must strictly adhere to medical and professional confidentiality and must respect, without time limitation, the confidentiality of any information or data which is brought to his knowledge in the course of his work.

(2) The physiotherapist must keep within the medical record any written, electronic and/or other information, notes or reports concerning the patient including the results of medical or X-ray examination.

(3) Should a patient make an accusation against the physiotherapist, or the physiotherapist is facing disciplinary charges, then the latter shall be entitled to disclose any confidential information entrusted to him in relation to the accusation or charges, even if such action compromises medical confidentiality:

Provided that, the above shall not apply if the patient is under the responsibility of two or more physiotherapists.

## **International obligations of physiotherapists**

(1) In cases where the physiotherapist is permitted to practise physiotherapy abroad, he must adhere to the code of ethics of the state in which he practises.

(2) In the case that a foreign physiotherapist is allowed or licenced to practise physiotherapy in the Republic, he must adhere to the present code of ethics and in case of contravention thereof, he shall be subject to disciplinary prosecution.

## **Advertisement – Publicity**

15. (1) Any legitimate advertisement, publicity and promotion of the professional activity of the physiotherapist or his physiotherapy establishment in Cyprus and abroad

shall be allowed to the extent and degree prescribed in the present Regulations and in a manner compatible with the decency of the profession.

(2) No personal advertisement of the physiotherapist in any way, no public mention of his name or any propaganda for that name instigated by himself or in his knowledge shall be allowed.

(3) In cases where third persons or businesses or sanatoria or hospitals or institutes or clinics, or otherwise, use the name of a physiotherapist for any form of promotion thereof, then he must respond to immediately stop this propaganda.

(4) The physiotherapist shall be allowed to write and/or otherwise publish articles or projects that serve scientific purposes in general and the promotion of the profession.

(5) Advertisements relating to physiotherapy shall be allowed in the daily press, provided that the title and expertise is mentioned, only in any of the following cases:

- (i) Establishment of a physiotherapist in a place of practice;
- (ii) moving a physiotherapy establishment;
- (iii) changing the telephone number or the working hours;
- (iv) absence of the physiotherapist for more than one week and subsequent return.

(6) The texts of such advertisements must not occupy a space greater than three inches height in two columns. The advertisements regarding the establishment may be published in one issue of one or more newspapers and the remaining advertisements in four issues of one or more newspapers.

(7) A physiotherapist shall not be allowed to promote or allow or otherwise be involved in the distribution or publication of advertising leaflets or texts in the mass media or to post or suspend advertising notices or signs in any public place.

(8) A physiotherapist may state in the sign only:

- (i) his name;
- (ii) the name of the physiotherapy establishment;
- (iii) his academic qualifications;
- (iv) the name of the university faculty from which he has obtained his diploma;
- (v) the days and hours of operation of the physiotherapy establishment:  
    Provided that, flashy decoration of the signs shall be forbidden;
- (vi) the approved emblem of the Association.

(9) The correspondence paper and seals may only contain the following:

- (i) the particulars of the sign;
- (ii) the address and telephone numbers of the physiotherapy establishment;
- (iii) the address of the physiotherapist's residence.

### **Duties to the patients**

16. The physiotherapist must demonstrate the same care, diligence and devotion, to all patients in general, irrespective of the financial condition and social status of each one of them and irrespective of his personal feelings. In no case physiotherapists or other persons are allowed to use the means and potential of physiotherapy as a science for immoral pursuits.

### **Respect to the patient's wishes**

17. The physiotherapist is bound and obliged to respect the right of a patient who wishes to replace him with another physiotherapist.

### **Refusal to provide treatment**

18. The physiotherapist may refuse to provide treatment to a patient:

    Provided that, in cases of emergency or humanitarian duty the physiotherapist must not refuse to do so.

## **Obligation to colleagues**

19.(1) Every physiotherapist is bound and obliged to maintain friendly relations with his colleagues and shall refrain from any action aimed at harming their status, dignity or lawful interests.

(2) A physiotherapist shall have a moral obligation and is bound to defend the professional dignity of his colleagues from any form of slander or criticism.

(3) A physiotherapist shall be expressly forbidden to visit a patient treated by his colleague without the latter's knowledge or explicit consent, unless that patient has fully dismissed the attending physiotherapist and has settled all pending financial obligations towards him:

Provided that, the above shall apply for societies, unions, federations, organizations e.t.c.

(4) A physiotherapist may not express opinion on whether any fees set or collected by his colleague, are reasonable or not, unless with the consent and/or order of the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists.

## **Informing the Association for breaches of ethics**

20. If a physiotherapist becomes aware of acts or omissions of a colleague harmful to the health of a patient or contrary to the morals and honor of the body of physiotherapists, he must relatively inform the administration of the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists as promptly as possible.

## **Reward**

21.(1) The Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists shall have the power to prescribe maximum and minimum reward for services provided by physiotherapists.

(2) A physiotherapist may choose not to accept any reward from indigent patients:

Provided that, any person receiving, by law or regulation, social security or medical care shall not be considered indigent as far as the physiotherapist is concerned.

(3) (a) Any systematic and deliberate reduction of the amount of reward, by average most common in the field, shall be considered as an act of illegitimate competition towards the colleagues and lack of respect to the dignity of the profession.

(b) Any person who contravenes the above shall be subject to disciplinary prosecution.

### **Prohibition of bribery**

22. A physiotherapist shall not be allowed to offer percentages to medical practitioners or physiotherapists in cases of referring patients and must be confined to the direct collection of his fees.

### **Collective agreements**

23. Only the Pancyprian Association of Physiotherapists may negotiate collective agreements.

### **Change of address**

24. A physiotherapist must, whenever he changes his address, forthwith inform and in any case not later than two months the secretary of the Pancyprian Association of Cyprus Physiotherapists.

## NOTE

The following laws contain provisions which do not constitute part of the principal law and they can not be included in the consolidated text of the Law as a section thereof. However, in view of the fact that they affect the application of the Law it was considered expedient to include them in this Note:

(1) (a) By virtue of section 26 thereof, the Physiotherapists Registration Law of 1989 (L. 140/1989) shall come into force on a date to be fixed by the Council of Ministers by a notification published in the official Gazette of the Republic.

(b) By a decision of the Council of Ministers pursuant to section 26 of L.140/1989, published in the official Gazette of the Republic, Supplement III (I), dated 27.10.1989, Law 140/1989 came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1989.

(2) The Physiotherapists Registration (Amendment) Law, 1998 (L. 36(I)/1998) published in the official Gazette of the Republic, Supplement I (I), dated 22.5.98, contains the following provision:

"Transitional provision.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section (6) of the principal law, any person may apply for registration in the Register within three months from the entry into force of this Law, provided that:

(a) On the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1989 –

(i) he was sufficiently qualified to practise physiotherapy, and

(ii) he has been *bona fide* engaged in the practice of physiotherapy as self-employed; and

(b) he has been engaged in the practice of physiotherapy for not less than three years before the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1989."

(3) The Physiotherapists Registration (Amendment) Law, 2004 (L. 76(I)/2004), published in the official Gazette of the Republic, Supplement I (I), dated 16.4.2004, contains the following provision:

“Entry into force of this Law.	7. This Law shall come into force on the date of accession of the Republic to the European Union. ”
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(4) The Physiotherapists Registration (Amendment) Law, 2005 (L. 101(I)/2005), published in the official Gazette of the Republic, Supplement I (I), dated 29.7.2005, contains the following provision:

“Special provision. Official Gazette, Supplement III(I): 9.11.1990.	17. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Physiotherapists (Registration Fees) Regulations, 1990, the fee for registration in the Register of physiotherapists shall be set to fifty one euros*.
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