SCHEDULE 1

Amendments to the Medical Act 1983

PART 2

Licence to practise and revalidation

Amendment of section 29B

- **9.**—(1) Amend section 29B (grant, refusal and withdrawal of licence) as follows.
- (2) After subsection (2) insert—
 - "(2A) Regulations under section 29A above may provide that—
 - (a) where there is an entry in the General Practitioner Register or the Specialist Register in respect of a medical practitioner (whether of the practitioner's name, any specialist area or other information), the entry may be removed or amended in prescribed circumstances; and
 - (b) where such an entry has been removed or amended, it may be restored to the General Practitioner Register or the Specialist Register in prescribed circumstances.
 - (2B) Regulations under section 29A above may include provision for a licensing authority to take account of any report or recommendation concerning a medical practitioner which is provided to the licensing authority by a prescribed person or body in the circumstances specified in subsection (2C) below.
 - (2C) Those circumstances are that—
 - (a) regulations under section 29A above—
 - (i) make provision by virtue of section 29J(2B) below specifying requirements to be satisfied by medical practitioners (or medical practitioners of a prescribed description), and
 - (ii) make provision by virtue of section 29J(2C)(a) below for a prescribed person or body to carry out revalidation of such practitioners; and
 - (b) the medical practitioner is a person to whom those requirements apply.".
- (3) After subsection (3) insert—
 - "(3A) Regulations under section 29A above may make provision as to the procedure to be followed in connection with—
 - (a) the removal or amendment under regulations by virtue of subsection (2A) above of an entry appearing in the General Practitioner Register or the Specialist Register in respect of a medical practitioner; or
 - (b) in any case where, under such regulations, an entry in respect of a medical practitioner has been removed from the General Practitioner Register or the Specialist Register or has been amended—
 - (i) the restoration of the entry, or
 - (ii) the refusal to restore the entry.".
- (4) For subsection (4) substitute—
 - "(4) If a licensing authority decides—
 - (a) to refuse to grant a licence to practise to a medical practitioner;

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- (b) to withdraw a licence to practise from a medical practitioner;
- (c) to remove an entry in respect of a medical practitioner from the General Practitioner Register or the Specialist Register or to amend an entry in respect of a medical practitioner in either of those Registers; or
- (d) to refuse to restore an entry in respect of a medical practitioner to the General Practitioner Register or the Specialist Register,

the Registrar shall give the practitioner notice in accordance with subsection (5) below.".