

HEALTHCARE SERVICES ACT 2020

HEALTHCARE SERVICES
(EXEMPTION)
(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 53 of the Healthcare Services Act 2020, the Minister for Health makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order is the Healthcare Services (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2026 and comes into operation on 20 February 2026.

New paragraphs 25 and 26

2. In the Healthcare Services (Exemption) Order 2021 (G.N. No. S 1042/2021), after paragraph 24, insert —

“Exemption in relation to advertisement

25.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), sections 31 and 31A of the Act do not apply to a person who advertises, or causes to be advertised, any skill of, or service provided by, a specified healthcare professional that —

- (a) relates to the treatment of any ailment, disease, injury, infirmity or condition affecting the human body; and
- (b) is for the purpose of performing, or comes within the scope of, the act, activity or service mentioned in sub-paragraph (3) that corresponds to the specified healthcare professional.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies only if the information contained in the advertisement —

- (a) is factually accurate and capable of being substantiated; and
- (b) is not exaggerated, false, misleading or deceptive.

(3) In this paragraph, “specified healthcare professional” means an individual who is —

- (a) specified in the second column of items 1 to 6 in the First Schedule and is carrying out any act or activity, or providing any service,

specified opposite in the first column of that Schedule;

- (b) an allied health professional who has a professional qualification in any of the allied health professions specified in the First Schedule to the Allied Health Professions Act 2011 that is not a prescribed allied health profession under that Act, and is carrying out any act or activity, or providing any service, within the scope of that allied health profession; or
- (c) a traditional Chinese medicine practitioner who is registered under the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Act 2000 and holds a valid practising certificate for a prescribed practice of traditional Chinese medicine under that Act, and is carrying out any act or activity, or providing any service, in that type of practice.

Exemption in relation to use of protected title in advertisement

26.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), section 31B(1)(b) of the Act does not apply to a person who advertises, or causes to be advertised, a healthcare service provided by an individual who is referred to in the advertisement by a protected title if the individual is —

- (a) an allied health professional who has a professional qualification in any of the allied health professions specified in the First Schedule to the Allied Health Professions Act 2011 that is not a prescribed allied health profession under that Act, and is carrying out any act or activity, or providing any service, within the scope of that allied health profession;
- (b) a traditional medicine practitioner of a system of therapeutics according to a Malay method or an Indian method who is certified or registered in any country to practise the Malay method or Indian method (as the case may be) of traditional medicine, and is carrying out any act or activity, or providing any service, within the scope of that practice; or
- (c) a practitioner of chiropractic or osteopathic services who is certified or registered in any country in chiropractic or osteopathic practice (as the case may be), and is carrying out any act or activity, or providing any service, within the scope of that practice.

(2) A person who advertises, or causes to be advertised, a healthcare service provided by an individual mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) must include in the

advertisement —

- (a) if the individual is an allied health professional mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a) — a statement that the individual’s educational qualification is an allied health qualification; or
- (b) if the individual is a traditional medicine practitioner of a system of therapeutics according to a Malay method or an Indian method mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b) or a practitioner of chiropractic or osteopathic services mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(c) — a statement that the individual’s educational qualification is a traditional and complementary therapy qualification.”.

Amendment of First Schedule

3. In the Healthcare Services (Exemption) Order 2021, in the First Schedule, replace the Schedule reference with —

“Paragraphs 17(3) and 25(3)(a)”.

[G.N. Nos. S 422/2023; S 850/2023; S 532/2025]

Made on 13 February 2026.

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