

NAGALAND STATE PARAMEDICAL COUNCIL ACT, 2014

The Nagaland State Paramedical Council Act, 2014 The Nagaland State Paramedical Council Act 2014 (Act No. 2 of 2014) Received the assent of the Government of Nagaland on 26.3.2014 and published in the Nagaland Gazette extra- Ordinary dated 29th April 2014. -Act- To provide for the constitution of a Paramedical Council for registration of Para Medical Technicians and for the registration of Institutions imparting training to such Technicians in the State and for regulating their qualifications and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto: Preamble:- WHEREAS, it is expedient to provide for the constitution of a Paramedical Council for registration of Para Medical Technicians, and for the registration of Institutions imparting training to such technicians in the State and for regulating their qualifications and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto; which will have a recurring annual expenditure of about Rs. 3 lakhs Be it enacted in the Sixty First Year of the Republic of India, and the Fiftieth Year of the State of Nagaland as follows:- -530- Table of Contents CHAPTER-I

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51. Penalty for dishonest use of certificate. Information to be furnished by Council. Power to amend schedule. Cognizance of offence. Controls by State Government. -533- SCHEDULE THE NAGALAND PARAMEDICAL EDUCATION COUNCIL ACT 2014 An Act to provide for the establishment of Paramedical education in the State and to regulate the practice by PARAMEDICAL EDUCATION

practitioners and PARAMEDICAL EDUCATION. BE it enacted in the Sixty First Fourteen year of the Republic of India, and the Fiftieth Year of the state of Nagaland as follows:- -534- 1

2. CHAVrER-1 PRELIMINARY Short title, extent and commencement: 1) This Act may be called the Nagaland Paramedical Council Act, 2014. It extends to the whole of Nagaland. 2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by 3) notification, appoint in this Act, Unless the context otherwise requires- definitions: 1) 2) a) b) c) 3) 4) 5) 6) "Council" means the Nagaland Paramedical Council established under Section 3 "Paramedical & Education" means any personnel qualified in paramedical & subject and who helps in teaching or practice of- Medicine within the meaning of clause of Section 2 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (No. 102 of 1956); Medicine in Homeopathy within the meaning Homeopathic Practitioners Act. Or Medicine in Ayurvedic System, Naturopathy and Unani System within the meaning of clauses the meaning of Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners Act; "Paramedical & Education subject" means the subject mentioned in the Schedule-I; "Recognised paramedical qualification" means a degree, diploma or certificate in any paramedical subject, granted by any University established by law or any other institution recognized by the State Government in this behalf. "Registered Paramedical Practitioner" means a person registered under this Act. "State Register" means a register maintained under this Act And expression "Registered" and "Registration" shall be construed accordingly. -535- CHAPTER-U ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF NAGALAND PARAMEDICAL COUNCIL Establishment of Council: 3. 4. A. B. C, 1) 2) The State Government shall, as soon as may be established, by notification, a paramedical council with effect from such date as may be specified thereon. The Council shall be a body corporate by the name of the Nagaland Paramedical Services & Education Council, and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power to acquire and hold, property both movable and immovable and subject to the provisions made under this Act, to transfer any held by it and to contract and to do all other things necessary for the purposes of its constitution and may sue and be sued in its corporate name. Constitution of council: 1) All Council shall consist of the following members namely: Ex-officio 0) Hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare. (D) Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland. (C) Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland. (W) Director Health Service, Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland. (v) Director Family Welfare, Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland. Nominated Members (i) Additional Director, Drug Control, Health & Family Welfare (C) Managing Director, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima. @ Medical Superintendent, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (W) Principal Para Medical Training Institute, Kohima. Elected Members Five members to be elected from amongst themselves by the registered Allied Health & Education Practitioners in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations: Provided that in the case of constitution of the Council for the first time after the commencement of this Act the members under this category shall be nominated by the State Government, 2) The member under clause B (1) to (4) of sub-section (1) shall be nominated by the State Government. -536- 5. 6. 7. 8. 3) One representative each from State Paramedical Associations eg. Pharmacist Association etc. Disqualifications: A person shall not be qualified for being nominated or elected as a member of the Council, if- (b) (c) (d) (f) he is not a citizen of India; or he is an undischarged insolvent; or he is of sound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or he has been sentenced for an offence involving moral turpitude; or he is an employee of the Council and is remunerated by salary or honorarium; or his name has been removed from the State Register, or from the register of registered medical or paramedical practitioner under any Act for the time being in force. Term of office of nominated member of council and nominee. 1) Save as otherwise provided in this Act, elected members shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of first meeting of Council Provided that the members nominated under proviso to clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 4 shall hold office till the elected members have entered their offices, and the members so elected shall continue in the office for the unexpired term of nominated members under clauses B (1) to (4) of Sub-section (1) of Section 4. 2) Notwithstanding the expiration of the term specified under sub-section (1) the outgoing member shall continue in office till the nomination or elections, as the case may be, of his successor. Resignation by nominated or elected member: The Nominated or elected member of the Council may at any time resign from his office in such manner as may be prescribed by the regulations, Disabilities for continuing as member of council: 1) a) b) c) d) If any member other than ex-officio member of the council, during the period of his term, absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Council without the permission of the Council; or is absent out of India for a period exceeding twelve consecutive

months, or Becomes subject to any of the disqualifications specified in Section 5; or Ceases to be a registered medical practitioner under any Act for the time being in force; the Council shall declare his office as vacant. Provided that -537- 9. 10. 11. no declaration shall be made under this sub-section unless a reasonable opportunity of being heard is given to the member concerned. 2) Any member aggrieved by a declaration under sub-section (1) may prefer an appeal to the State Government within days from the date of such declaration and the decision of the State Government thereon shall be final Filling of casual vacancies: If a nominated or elected member of Council dies or resigns, or for any other cause whatsoever ceases to be a member, the vacancy, shall be filled, as soon as may be, by nomination or election, as the case may be, and the person so nominated or elected shall hold office for the unexpired term of his predecessor. President and Vice-President of Council: Hon 'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare will be the ex officio chairman of the council. 1) 2) 3) Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland will be the ex-officio President. Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, ex-officio- Vice-President. All President and Vice-President shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by this Act or regulations there under. CHAPTER- 11 CONDUCT OF BUSINESS Convening of meeting 1) 2) 3) 4) The President of the Council shall call and fix the date of every meeting. All meeting of the Council shall be either ordinary or special. All notice of every meeting specifying the time and place thereof and the business to be transacted thereat, shall be dispatched to every member fifteen clear days before an ordinary meeting and seven clear days before a special meeting. No business other than that specified in the notice relating thereto, shall be transacted at a meeting except with the permission of the Chair. -538-

12. Powers of president to call special meeting President may, wherever he thinks fit, call a special meeting, and shall be bound to do so within two weeks of the receipt of a written requisition, by not less than 4 (four) members of the Council

13. Adjournment of meeting 1) 2) Any meeting of the Council may, with the consent of the majority of the members of the Council present, be adjourned from time to time, to a later hour on the same day or to any other date, but no business other than left over at the adjourned meeting shall be transacted at such meeting. A notice of Adjournment posted in the office of the Council or at the place of meeting, on the day on which the meeting is adjourned, shall be deemed sufficient notice of the next ensuing meeting. 14. 15

16. Presiding of meeting The President of the Council shall preside over the meeting. If the President of the Council is absent, the meeting of the Council shall be presided over by the Vice- President. If the President and the Vice-President are both absent, the members present shall choose one of them to preside over the meeting Quorum 1) 2) 3) 4) The quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be one third of the total number of members of the Council. If at any time in a meeting there is no quorum, the presiding authority shall adjourn it to such time or date as he thinks fit and announce the same at once; and the business set down for the meeting shall be brought forward at the subsequent meeting, whether at such meeting there is a quorum or not. No business other than the business fixed for the meeting, shall be transacted at such subsequent meetings. A notice of such adjournment posted in the office of the Council or at the place of meeting, on the day on which the meeting is adjourned shall be deemed sufficient notice of the subsequent meeting. Decision of question by majority of votes Except as otherwise provided by or under this Act, all questions brought before any meeting of the Council, shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the - 539- members present and in case of votes being equal the presiding authority at the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. Minutes of proceedings 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 1) 2) The minutes of proceedings of each meeting of the Council shall be recorded in a book to be kept for the purpose. The names of the members of the Council Present thereat shall be entered in the minute book and it shall be signed in confirmation by the Presiding Authority at the same or next ensuing meeting. A copy of the minutes of proceedings of each meeting of the Council shall be forwarded to the State Government within seven days from the date of its confirmation. Vacancies etc. not to invalidate proceedings No act or proceedings of the Council shall be invalid merely by reasons of- a) Any vacancy in, or defect in the constitution thereof, or b) Any defect in the election or nomination of a person acting as member thereof, or c) Any irregularity in its procedure not affecting the merits of the case. Proceeding of meeting to be good and valid Until the contrary is proved, every meeting of the Council shall be deemed to have been duly convened when the minutes of the meeting have been signed in accordance with the this Act. Members of Council 1) All members of the

Council shall receive such Waveling and other allowance as Allowances of may be prescribed by regulations Provided that the members of the Council who are Government employees shall not be entitled to received such allowances. 2) No member shall be entitled to any payment other than the payments as specified in sub-section (1). Power of council to invite any person having Special 1 knowledge or experience in Paramedical 1) The Council may, if it thinks necessary, invite any person having special knowledge or experience in paramedical to its meeting, to hear his views on the subject. Such person shall have right to take part in the discussion on the subject but shall not have the right to vote in the meeting of the Council. -540- 2) The invitee shall be entitled to received such allowances as specified in Section 20. Committees 22. 23. 1. 2. 3, The council may appoint, from time to time and for such period, a committee consisting of such number of its members as it may think fit and may refer to such committee for enquiry and report or for opinion any matter for the purposes of this Act. Every committee appointed under sub-section (1) shall at its first meeting select one of its member to be its Chairman. The mode of appointment of such committee; the summoning and holding of meetings and the conduct of business of such committee shall be such as may be prescribed by the regulations. CHAPTER-IV POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL Powers and Functions of Council. 1) 2) a) b) c) d) e) f) g) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made there under, the Council shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act. In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, the powers and the functions of the Council shall be- To maintain the State register of paramedical practitioners, To bear and decide appeals from the decision of the Registrar in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations; To prescribe by regulations a code of ethics for regulating the professional conduct of registered paramedical practitioners; To reprimand a registered paramedical practitioners, to suspend or remove the name from the State Register, or to take such other disciplinary action against him, as may, in the opinion of the Council, be necessary or expedient, 12 (26) To permit any member to be absent himself from three consecutive meetings of the Council. To promote Innovations, research and development in establishment of new Paramedical subjects; To formulate schemes for promoting Paramedical education; -541- h) 1) j) k) l) m) n) o) p) To promote an effective link between paramedical education and medical education, Ayurvedic, Unani, Homeopathy and Bio-chemy systems and to promote research and development in these subject. To lay down norms and standards for courses, curricula, physical and instructional facilities, staff pattern, staff qualifications, quality instructions, assessment and examinations. To fix norms and guidelines for charging tuition and other fees; To advise the State Government in respect of grant of charter to any paramedical body or institution in the field of education. To provide guidelines for admission of students to Paramedical institutions and Universities imparting Paramedical education, To inspect or cause to be inspected any Paramedical Institution; To constitute a board for conducting the examination to maintain uniformity of standard; To perform such other functions as may be prescribed by rules; To conduct the election of members under clause (c) 1) of sub section (1) of Section 4. CHAPTER-V 24

25. PARAMEDICAL INSTITUTIONS AND RECOGNITION Recognition of Paramedical Qualification in certain cases. Where any Paramedical Institution is established or any Paramedical institution opens a new or higher course of study except with the previous permission of the State Government in accordance with the provisions of this Act, no Paramedical qualification granted to any student of such Paramedical institution shall be a recognized Paramedical qualification for the purpose of this Act. Time for seeking Permission for certain existing Paramedical Institution If any person has established a Paramedical institution or any Paramedical institution has opened a new or higher course of study or training or increases, the admission capacity, such person or Paramedical 1 institution, as the case may be, shall seek within a period of one year from the commencement of this Act, the permission of State Government in accordance with the provisions of this Act. -542- 26. 27

28. Recognition of Qualification granted by University or Paramedical Institution in India The Paramedical qualifications granted by Indian Medical Institutions, which are included Paramedical in the Schedules to the Council Act, 1956 (No.102 of 1956) shall be recognized Paramedical qualifications for the purpose of this Act. Recognition of Paramedical qualification granted by Paramedical Institution in countries with which there is a scheme of reciprocity 1) 2) 3) Pre Paramedical qualifications granted by Medical Institutions outside, India, which are included in the Schedule to the Medical Council Act, 1956 (No. 102 of 1956) shall be recognized Paramedical qualification for the purpose of this Act. The

State Government after consultation with the Council may by notification in the Official Gazette amend the Schedule by directing that an entry be made therein in respect of any Paramedical qualification declaring that it shall be recognized Paramedical qualification only when granted before a specified date. Where the Council has refused to recommend any Paramedical qualification which has been proposed for recognition by any Authority referred to in sub-section (2) and that Authority applies to the State Government in this behalf, the State Government after considering such application and after obtaining from the Council a report, if any, as to the reasons for any such refusal may by notification in the Official Gazette amend the Schedule so as to include such qualification therein and the provision of sub-section (2) shall apply to such notification. Recognition of Paramedical Qualification granted by certain Paramedical institution whose qualifications are not included in the Schedule. Any Paramedical institution in India, which desires a Paramedical qualification granted by it, to be included in the Schedule, may apply to the State Government with such application fee as may be fixed by regulation to have such qualification recognized and the State Government, after consulting the council, may by notification in the Official Gazette, amend the Schedule as to include such qualification. Therein, and any such notification may also direct that an entry shall be made in the last column of Schedule against such Paramedical qualification declaring that it shall be a recognized Paramedical qualification only when granted after a specified date. - 543- 29. 30. 31

32. Power to require information as to courses of study and qualification, examinations Every University or Allied Health Institution in India which grants a recognized Paramedical qualification, shall furnish such information as the Council, may, from time to time, require as to the courses of study and examinations to be undergone in order to obtain such as to the ages at which such courses of study and examinations are required to be undergone and such qualifications conferred and generally as to the requisites for obtaining such qualification. Inspection of Paramedical Institution The Council shall cause all Paramedical Institution to be inspected as and when deemed necessary. Withdrawal of recognition a) b) 2) 3) If upto the Council That the courses the study and examination to be undergone in or the proficiency required from candidates at any examination held by any University or Paramedical institution; or That the staff, equipment, accommodation, training and other facilities for instruction and training provided in such University or Paramedical institution or in any college or other institution affiliated to that University do not conform to the standards prescribed by the Council; the Council shall take action for the withdrawal of recognition. Before withdrawal of recognition the Council shall send a show cause notice to the Paramedical Institution or University specifying the period within which the reply shall be submitted. One receipt of the reply Or where no reply is submitted within the period specified in the show cause notice then on the expiry of the period the Council shall take decision in the matter. Minimum standards of Paramedical education The Council may prescribe the minimum standards of Paramedical education required of for granting recognized Paramedical & Education Council qualifications (other than postgraduate Paramedical qualification) by Universities or Paramedical Institutions in India. -544- CHAPTER-VI REGISTRAR AND OTHER OFFICERS AND SERVANTS Registrar and other Officers and servants of Council 33. 34. 1) 2) 3) 4) 5) All Council shall, with the prior approval of the State Government, appoint a Registrar who shall act as Secretary of the Council. The Council may, with the prior approval of the State government, employ such other officers and servants as it may deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act. The qualification, conditions of service and pay scale of the Registrar and of other officers and servants shall be such as the Council may determine by regulations, with prior approval of State Government. The Council shall require and take from the Registrar or from any other officer such security for the due performance of his duties as the Council may deem necessary. The Registrar or any other officer or servant appointed by the Council under this Section shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of Section 21 of the Indian Penal Code 1860 (No. 45 of 1860). Duties of Registrar 1) 2) 3) 4) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to keep the State Register in accordance with the provisions of this Act and of any Order made by the council, to revise it from time to time in such manner as may be prescribed by Regulations, to publish it in the Gazette and to discharge such other functions as are or may be required to be discharged by him under this Act and the Rules and Regulations made hereunder. The Registrar shall see the State Register is as far as possible correct at all time and may from time to time enter therein any material alteration in the address or qualifications of the Registered Paramedical practitioners. The Registrar may remove from the State

Register the name of the registered paramedical practitioner who dies or whose name is directed to be removed from the State Register or who ceases to be the Paramedical practitioner. On receipt of intimation from the practitioner the Council is satisfied that the practitioner has not ceased to practice then the council may direct the Registrar to restore the name of such practitioner in the state Register and the Registrar shall comply with such direction. -545- CHAPTER-VII FUND OF COUNCIL Fund of Council 35. 36. 37. 1) 2) a) b) c) d) The Council shall establish a fund to be called the fund of the Council. The following shall form part of, or be paid into, the fund of the Council Any contribution or grant by Central or State Government. Income of the Council from all sources including income from fees and fines. Trust, donations, endowment and other grants, if any; All other sums received by the Council. Objects to which fund of Council shall be applied. Act and the Rules and Regulations made there under All fund of the Council shall be applicable to the following objects, namely:- a) b) c) d) e) To the repayments of debts incurred by the Council for the purpose of To the expenses of any suit or legal proceedings to which the Council is a party; To the payment of salaries all allowances to the officers and servants of the Council: To the payment of allowances to the office bearers of the Council; To the payment of any expenses incurred by the Council in carrying out the provisions of this Act and rules and regulations made there under; Any other expenses for the promotion and development of paramedical education, research and training, declared by the Council to be in the general interest of Paramedical & Education Council profession; Accounts and Audit 1) 2) 3) The accounts of the Council shall be prepared before such date and at such intervals and in such manner as may be prescribed. New accounts of the Council shall be audited by the registered chartered accountant. The audit fee of the chartered accountant shall be fixed by the Council from time to time as per their regulations. As soon as the accounts of the Council are audited the Council shall send a copy thereof, together with a copy of the report of the Principal Director Health & Family Welfare Nagaland, Kohima thereon, to the State Government in such manner as may be prescribed. -546- 38

39. Budget 1) 2) 3) 4) 5) **The Registrar shall prepared, in such form as may be prescribed, a budget in respect of the financial year next ensuing, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure and shall cause it to be laid before the Council at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed.** Within fifteen days from the date of the meeting in which the budget is passed, it shall be forwarded to the State Government. If the State Government is of the opinion that provisions of the budget so forwarded to it are not adequate for carrying out the purposes of this Act, it shall return the budget to the Council for such modifications as may be suggested by the State Government. The Council shall be competent to re-appropriate such amounts as may be necessary from one head to another and within such heads or minor heads. The Council, may as and when required, pass a supplementary budget in such form and by such date as may be prescribed and the provisions of sub-sections (2), (3) and (4) shall apply to such supplementary budget. CHAPTER-VIII REGISTRATION AND STATE REGISTER Registration and State Register 1) 2) 3) 4) Every person possessing a recognized qualification shall be eligible for enrolment state register. On the State Register on furnishing to the Registrar proof of such qualification and on payment of such fees, not less than five thousand rupees as may be prescribed and different fee may be prescribed for different qualifications. The Council shall cause to be maintained a State Register of Paramedical practitioners in such forms as may be prescribed by regulations. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to keep and maintain the State Register in accordance with the provisions of this Act and of any order made by the Council and from time to time revise the Register and publish it in the gazette and in such other manner as may be prescribed. All Register shall be deemed to be a public documents, within the meaning of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 (No. I of 1872). —547— 40. 41

42. Power of Council to prohibit entry in, or to order removal from, State register name of any person The Council may, upon reference from the Registrar or otherwise by order, prohibit the entry in, or order the removal from, the State Register, the name of any person. a) b) Who has been sentenced by a criminal court to imprisonment for an offence indicating in the opinion of the Council such a defect in character as would render the enrollment or continuance of his name in the State Register undesirable; or Whom the Council after enquiry has found guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect by a majority of two-thirds of the members of the Council present and voting at the meeting: Provided that no order shall be passed under this section without giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard to the person concerned. Alteration of State Register 1) 2) 3) The Council may, after giving the person concerned a reasonable opportunity of being heard an enquiring into his objections, if any, order that any

entry in the State register which in the opinion of the Council, has been fraudulently or incorrectly made or brought about, be cancelled or emended. The Council may direct the removal forever, or for a specified period from the State register, the name of any registered Paramedical practitioner for the same reason for which registration may be prohibited by the Council under section 40; The Council may direct that the name removed under sub-section (2) shall be restored subject to such condition, if any, which the Council may deem fit to impose. Procedure in inquiries For the purpose of any inquiry under the provisions of this Act, the Council or any committee appointed under sub-section (1) of Section 22 shall be deemed to be a court within the meaning of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 (fo. 1 of 1872) and the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 (No. 5 of 1908) and shall Exercise all powers of a commissioner appointed under the Public Servants (Inquiries) Act, 1850 (No. 37 of 1850) and such inquiries shall be conducted, as far as may be in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 and Section 8 to 20 of the Public Servants (Inquiries) Act, 1850 (No. 37 of 1850). -548- 43. 44. 45

46. Appeal against order of Council Any person:- 1) 2) 3) Whose application for enrolment in the State register is rejected under Section 39 or 41; or Whose entry in the State register is prohibited under Section 40; or Whose name, from the state Register is removed, may, within ninety days of order of rejection, prohibition or removal, as the case may be, appeal to the State Government and the decision of the State Government thereon shall be Prohibition on practice except as provided in this Act 1) 2) Save as provided in this Act no person shall practice or hold himself out, whether directly or indirectly as practicing habitually for personal gain as a paramedical practitioner within the State. Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to one Lakh rupees or with both. Chapter -IX Rules and Regulations Power to make rules 1) All rules made under this Act shall be laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly Power to make regulations The Council may with the previous sanction of the State Government and subject to Power to make rules made under section 45 make regulations generally to carry out the purposes of this Act, and regulations. Without prejudice to the generality of foregoing power, such regulations may provide for:- a) b) c) d) e). The management of the property of the Council and the maintenance and audit of its account; The manner of election of five members from the paramedical practitioners under clause (c 1) of sub-section (1) of Section 4; The resignation by nominated or elected members of the Council; The powers and duties of the President and Vice President; The mode of appointment of committees, the summoning and holding of meetings and the conduct of business of such committees; —549 _ f) g) h) 1) j) k) The traveling and other allowances payable to the members of the council under sub-section (1) of Section 20; 1) The manner to hear and decide appeals from the decision of the Registrar under clause (h) of sub-section (2) of Section 23 ; il) The code of ethics for regulating the professional conduct under clause (c) of sub-section (2) of Section 23; The qualification, the conditions of service and pay scale of the Registrar and other officers and servants under sub-section (3) of Section 33; The manner of revision of State Register under sub-section (I) of Section The form of State register under sub-section (1) of Section 39; 1) Any other matter for which under this Act provision may be made by regulations. iO The State Government, on receiving regulations for sanction may sanction them subject to such modification as it may think fit or return them to the Council for reconsideration. iii) All regulations shall be Published in the Gazette. iv) The State Government may, by notification, cancel any regulation. CHAPTER-X MISCELLANEOUS 47. Penalty for dishonest use of certificate Any person who:- a) Dishonestly makes use of any certificate of registration granted under this Act; or b) Procures or attempts to procure registration under the provisions of this Act by making or producing, or causing to be made or produced any false or fraudulent declaration, certificate or representation whether in writing or otherwise; or c) Willfully makes or causes to be made any false representation in any matter relating to the certificate of registration issued under the provisions of this Act; Shall on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to Five Lakh rupees or with both. -550- 48. 49. 50

51. Information furnished by Council The Council shall furnish such reports, copies of its minutes, abstracts of its accounts and other information to the State Government as and when the State Government may require. Power to amend schedule The State Government may, by notification, amend the Schedule so as to include therein any subject not already specified therein or omit there from any subject or modify the description of any subject. Cognizance of offence 1) 'No court shall take cognizance

of an offence punishable under this Act, except upon complaint in writing made by the Registrar or any other officer authorized by the Council in this behalf by general or special order; 2) No court inferior to that of a magistrate of first class shall try any offence punishable under this Act. Control by State Government. If at any time it appears to the State Government that the Council has failed to exercise or has exceeded or abused any of the powers conferred upon it by or under this Act, or has failed to perform any of the duties imposed upon it by or under this Act, the State Government may, if it considers such failure excess or abuse to be of a serious character, notify the particulars thereof to the Council, requiring it to remedy such failure, excess or abuse within such period as may be specified in the notice and if the Council fails to remedy such failure, excess or abuse within the period specified in the notice, the State Government may dissolve the Council and cause all or any of the powers and the duties of the Council to be exercised and performed by such person and for such period not exceeding two years as it may think fit and shall take steps to bring into existence a new Council. SCHEDULE 1 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6

7. Physiotherapy/ Occupational therapy Course. Speech therapy Course. Audiologist. Laboratory Technician (Various types) X-ray Technician/ Radio grapher. B.C.G Technicians. Cyto Technicians. -551- 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30

31. Ortho Technicians, Mould room Technicians. Gamma Camera Technicians. Optometric Technicians. Optometrist. Orthotic and contact lens. E.C.G Technicians. Ultra Sound Angiography. Operation Theatre Technicians. Degree, Diploma and Certificate in Human Nutrition. Dialysis Technicians. Insulation Therapy Technicians. Health Inspector Course. Hospital Medical record Science. Pharmacist (Allopathy, Ayurvedic, Unani and Homoeopathy) Pharmacist in Biochemist System of Medicine. Diploma in Clinical Biochemistry Microbiology. Pathology. Optical and Refraction Technicians. Paramedical Ophthalmic Assistant. Perfusionist/ Cardiac Surgery Technicians. Cath. Lab. Technicians. -552- Nagaland Paramedical Council was founded to assure and promote quality in the paramedical courses in order to develop and maintain uniformity regarding paramedical courses standards. Empowered by the Nagaland Paramedical Council Act, the council shall conduct examination, issues guidelines and a Professional Code and Conduct, exercises regulatory and disciplinary powers for the paramedical courses, and answers general enquiries from the public. (SENTIYANGER IMCHEN) Commissioner & Secretary Health & Family Welfare Nagaland Kohima -553-