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**Chairperson of Rwanda Medical and Dental Council**  
**Chairperson of National Midwives and Nurses council**  
**Chairperson of National Pharmacy Council**  
**Chairperson of Rwanda Allied Health Professional Council**  
**Kigali –Rwanda**

Dear Chairpersons,

**Re: Amendment on requirements to be fulfilled by health professionals before professional registration**

Reference is made to Ministry of Health letter No 20/1561/DCPHS/2021 requesting professional councils to consider equivalences of degrees before issuing professional registration;

Reference is also made to delay getting equivalence for medical specialists such as visiting faculty recruited by HRH Secretariat, specialists who are coming for important medical missions such as heart surgeries, minimally invasive surgery, fistula repair, etc.;

Further reference is made to the meeting between Ministry of Health and professional councils held virtually on 29th September 2021 aiming to find solutions and propose new directives on requirements of health professionals before professional registration.

I am pleased to request the following for immediate implementation:

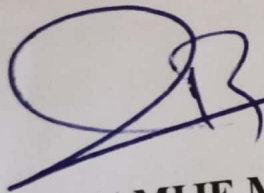
- Health professionals with bachelor's degree and below who studied outside of Rwanda but want to practice in Rwanda will follow the registration policy of their respective professional councils. Equivalence will be mandatory for them before registration;
- Health professionals with Master's degree and above who are freshly graduated outside coming to work in Rwanda must follow the registration policy of their respective professional councils and equivalence will be mandatory for them before registration;
- Health professionals who are coming in Rwanda on voluntary or specific medical mission will provide only certificate of registration, license to practice, and certificate of good status from their professional councils in their home countries to councils. Councils must do further due diligence by submitting the files to professional societies (e.g., Midwives Association, Nursing Association, Rwanda College of Physicians,) for peer review.

- The peer review report must be submitted back to council for registration not later than 3 working days from date of initial submission. Equivalence will not be mandatory;
- Health professionals with Master's degree and above who were practicing outside of Rwanda but are coming to work in Rwanda must submit to their professional councils only certificate of registration, license to practice, and certificate of good status from home country before registration. Equivalence will not be mandatory for registration;
- For Visiting Faculty recruited by HRH Secretariat, a three-months temporary registration will be issued by the council while the HHRS will continue to work with High Education Council to provide equivalence of the degrees.

For your ease of reference, I am pleased to transmit to you the minutes of the above-mentioned meeting for your consideration.

We thank you for your usual collaboration,

Sincerely,



**Dr. NGAMIJE M. Daniel**  
**Minister of Health**



**Cc:**

- Hon. Minister of State in Charge of Primary Health Care
- Executive Secretary/Human Resources for Health Secretariat
- Deputy Executive Secretary/Human Resources for Health Secretariat
- Permanent Secretary/Ministry of Health