

**SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR
GAZETTE
No. 4510 of 5 October, 2018**

LEGAL NOTICE NO.211 OF 2018.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH ACT, 1997

**MEDICINES (PRESCRIPTION ONLY) (AMENDMENT NO.2)
REGULATIONS 2018**

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 66(ka) of the Medical and Health Act, 1997 the Minister has made the following Regulations–

Title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Medicines (Prescription Only) (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2018.

Commencement.

2. These Regulations come into operation on the day appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

Amendment of the Medicines (Prescription Only) Regulations, 1987.

3.(1) The Medicines (Prescription Only) Regulations, 1987 are amended in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2, after the definition for “nurse practitioner” insert–

“ “nurse prescriber” means a person–

- (a) in the employment of the Gibraltar Health Authority;
- (b) entered in the register established under the Register of Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Regulations;
- (c) against whose name in that register is recorded an annotation by the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Registration Board signifying that he is qualified, by virtue of having successfully completed

an accredited prescribing course recognised by the Board, to prescribe, dispense or administer–

- (i) appliances and any medicinal products and prescription only medicines from the British National Formulary; and
- (ii) appliances and medicinal products contained in List 2 from the Gibraltar National Formulary,
which are suitable for treating medical conditions within their clinical competence;
- (d) who is subject to such conditions as the Authority may from time to time notify the nurse prescriber in writing;”.

(3) In regulation 3–

(a) in subregulation (1)(a) after “nurse practitioner” insert “or (subject to subregulation (5A)) a nurse prescriber”;

(b) in subregulation (1)(b) after paragraph (i) insert–

“(ia) subregulation (5A) a nurse prescriber;”

(c) after subregulation (5) insert–

“(5A) Subject to any conditions which the Authority deems appropriate, a nurse prescriber may prescribe, dispense or administer–

- (i) appliances and any medicinal products and prescription only medicines from the British National formulary; and
- (ii) appliances and medicinal products contained in List 2 from the Gibraltar National Formulary,

which are suitable for treating medical conditions within their clinical competence.”.

- (d) In subregulation (8) after “nurse practitioner” insert “, nurse prescriber”.

Dated 5th October, 2018.

N F COSTA,
Minister with responsibility for Health.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

These Regulations grant prescribing rights to nurses, midwives and health visitors, registered by the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Registration Board, who have successfully completed an accredited prescribing course recognised by the Board. Such prescribing rights are limited to treating medical conditions within the clinical competence of the nurse, midwife or health visitor.