



Press Release

Regarding the Nepal Medical Council's Decision to Revoke the Registration of 17 NRN Doctors

The Society of Nepalese Healthcare Professionals in Europe (SNHPE) has taken serious note of the notice published by the Nepal Medical Council (NMC) on 2083 Baisakha 11 regarding the revocation of the registration of 17 Non-Resident Nepali (NRN) doctors and the removal of their names from the Council's registration records.

SNHPE considers this development deeply concerning and unfortunate.

According to the notice, the decision was made pursuant to the provisions of the Nepal Medical Council Act (2020), Nepal Medical Council Regulation (2024), and related decisions of the Council. We have carefully reviewed these documents, including the NRN Doctors' Registration and Medical Practice Regulation (2081). In our assessment, certain provisions within these regulations do not adequately reflect the practical healthcare needs of Nepal, nor do they sufficiently recognize the valuable contributions that NRN doctors are willing and able to make toward strengthening Nepal's health sector.

SNHPE is concerned that such measures may adversely affect long-standing professional collaboration between NRN medical professionals and healthcare institutions in Nepal, ultimately limiting opportunities for knowledge exchange, academic cooperation, specialized healthcare services, and international professional engagement.

Furthermore, we believe that institutions with significant professional, moral, and ethical responsibilities, such as the Nepal Medical Council, should exercise utmost sensitivity in matters affecting individual professionals. Decisions relating to registration status should ideally be communicated directly and respectfully to the concerned individuals. Public disclosure of such decisions, particularly in a manner that may affect the personal and professional dignity of doctors, raises important concerns regarding privacy, professional reputation, and institutional communication practices.

In this context, SNHPE respectfully urges the Government of Nepal and the Nepal Medical Council to review and amend provisions within the Nepal Medical Council Act (2020), Nepal Medical Council Regulation (2024), and the NRN Doctors' Registration and Medical Practice Regulation (2081) that may unintentionally discourage or disadvantage NRN medical professionals. We strongly advocate for a framework in which a doctor duly registered with the Nepal Medical Council is not subjected to revocation of registration solely on the basis of citizenship status.

We also respectfully request all healthcare institutions and regulatory bodies in Nepal, including the NMC, to uphold and protect the privacy, dignity, and professional rights of doctors



and healthcare professionals. Citizenship status is a personal matter and should not become grounds for unnecessary public scrutiny or professional marginalization.

SNHPE remains firmly committed to constructive dialogue and collaborative engagement for the advancement of Nepal's healthcare sector and for strengthening the contribution of NRN doctors and healthcare professionals worldwide.

Sincerely yours,

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