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HEALTH PROFESSIONS (CHAPTER 233)

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The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 20 of Health Professions Act (*Ch. 233*) hereby makes the following rules —

1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Professions (General) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into force on such date as the Minister may appoint by notice published in the *Gazette*.

2. Insertion of new Part XII of the principal Regulations.

The principal Regulations is amended by the insertion immediately after regulation 38 of the following new Part XII as follows —

“ **PART XII – CANNABIS DISPENSING**

39. Scope of practice.

The practice of cannabis dispensing includes the purchasing, custody, and dispensing of cannabis, provision of cannabis accessories and the provision of information related to cannabis use.

40. Authorised health services.

In the course of engaging in the practice of cannabis dispensing as a cannabis dispenser, a person may, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations imposed on his or her certificate of registration, dispense or sell cannabis or supervise the part of a cannabis dispensary where drugs are kept.

41. Qualifications for registration.

The qualifications for registration as a cannabis dispenser are that the person —

- (a) holds a certificate of competency in cannabis dispensing from an accredited institution in The Bahamas or in a recognised jurisdiction; and

- (b) has at least one thousand hours practical experience in a pharmacy under the supervision of a person who is licensed as a pharmacist.”.

Made this day of 2023

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH