

# Decree-Law No. 10 of 1993 Organising the Ministry of Public Health and Assigning its Competencies (Repealed) 10 / 1993

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We, Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Deputy Emir of the State of Qatar,  
Having perused the Amended Provisional Constitution, in particular Articles 22, 23, 27, 31 and 34 thereof;  
Emiri Order No. 1 of 1993 appointing a deputy for the Emir of the State of Qatar;  
Law No. 5 of 1970 identifying the powers of ministers and defining the functions of ministries and other government bodies, as amended;  
Law No. 5 of 1982 concerning the regulation of births and deaths registers, as amended;  
Law No. 11 of 1982 regulating medical treatment institutions;  
Law No. 2 of 1983 concerning the practice of the professions of medicine and dentistry, as amended by Law No. 2 of 1989;  
Law No. 3 of 1983 regulating the pharmaceutical profession and the work of intermediaries and agents of pharmaceutical factories and companies, as amended by Law No. 2 of 1989;  
Law No. 7 of 1990 regulating the pricing of medicines and pharmaceutical preparations and controlling their prices;  
Decree-Law No. 17 of 1990 on protection from infectious diseases;  
Law No. 8 of 1991 on the regulation of supported medical assistance professions;  
Decree-Law No. 12 of 1991 establishing the Civil Service Bureau;  
Decree No. 35 of 1979 regarding the Hamad Medical Corporation, as amended by Decree No. 38 of 1987;  
Decree No. 79 of 1992 on the regulation of medical treatment abroad;  
Emiri Resolution No. 14 of 1978 concerning the establishment of undersecretary position and determination of remuneration thereof;  
Emiri Resolution No. 8 of 1979 on system of the ministries' undersecretaries;  
Emiri Resolution No. 4 of 1989 establishing the Supreme Council for Planning, as amended by Emiri Resolution No. 21 of 1992;  
Council of Ministers Resolution No. 12 of 1972 on the reorganisation of the administrative structure within the ministries;  
Council of Ministers Resolution No. 5 of 1979 establishing the Department of General Medical Commission at the Ministry of Public Health and organising the competencies thereof;  
Council of Ministers Resolution No. 10 of 1990 transferring the Department of School Health from the Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Public Health;  
The proposal of the Minister of Public Health; and  
The draft decree-law submitted by the Council of Ministers;  
Hereby promulgate the following Law:

## Articles

### Article 1

The Ministry of Public Health, hereinafter "the Ministry", shall be organised and its competencies shall be assigned as set out in this Law.

### Article 2

In addition to the general competencies set out in the aforesaid Law No. 5 of 1970, the Ministry of Public Health shall assume the following competencies:

1. Proposing policies and plans related to public health and following up the implementation thereof.

2. Providing primary, preventive, curative and pharmaceutical health services as well as developing and upgrading thereof.
3. Establishing hospitals, clinics, health centres, medical laboratories, pharmaceutical institutions, stations and sanatoria.
4. Issuing health certificates and medical reports.
5. Supervising the Hamad Medical Corporation.
6. Regulating and controlling the practice of medical and supporting medical professions and pharmacy, and granting the necessary licences thereto.
7. Regulating and controlling the establishment of hospitals, clinics, pharmaceutical institutions and private medical laboratories, and granting related licences.
8. Establishing health quarantine in ports, airports and border points.
9. Regulating trafficking of medicines and other pharmaceutical preparations in the private sector, and issuing related licences and documents.
10. Proposing draft laws and bylaws relating to the competencies of the Ministry.

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### Article 3

Subject to the general duties of the Minister in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Law No. 5 of 1970, the Minister shall assume the following duties:

1. Supervising the management of the Ministry's affairs generally and its methods of carrying out its competencies.
2. Issuing the resolutions necessary to regulate the function of the Ministry.
3. Representing the State at conferences, authorities, and regional and international organisations within the field of the Ministry's activity.

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### Article 4

The Minister shall have an office director under him directly who shall assume the following duties:

1. Organising the files, correspondence and papers in the Minister's office.
2. Receiving correspondence addressed to the Minister and preparing the same for presentation to him.
3. Distributing the aforesaid correspondence to the competent bodies for review in accordance with the instructions of the Minister.
4. Preparing the memorandums and correspondence assigned to him by the Minister.
5. Liaising with various bodies with respect to providing the required documents and details.
6. Notifying the competent bodies of the Minister's endorsements and instructions and briefing the Minister on the status thereof.
7. Attending interviews and discussions that he is allowed to attend by the Minister and recording what he directs him to.

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### Article 5

The Medical Relations Section and the International and Public Relations Section shall be directly under the Minister, and each section shall be headed by a Head who shall discharge section affairs and follow up the work flow therein.

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### Article 6

The Planning and Follow-up Unit shall be undertake the competencies stipulated in Emiri Resolution No. 4 of 1989 establishing the Supreme Council for Planning, which shall be formed by a resolution of the Minister.

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## Article 7

Subject to the general duties of the undersecretary in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Law No. 5 of 1970 and Emiri Resolution No. 8 of 1979, the undersecretary shall assume the following duties:

1. Proposing the draft bylaws and resolutions regulating the functions of the Ministry or giving effect to its competencies.
2. Approving expense and financial documents in accordance with the provisions of the financial regulations.
3. Proposing to amend the administrative units comprising the Ministry, in addition to determine and amend the competencies thereof.

The undersecretary may delegate some of his duties to the assistants' undersecretary or managers of the administrative units at the Ministry.

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## Article 8 (Amended By Cabinet Decision 45/2001) (Amended By Cabinet Decision 5/1997)

The Ministry of Public Health shall consist of the following administrative units:

1. Department of Preventive Health.
  2. Department of Primary Health Care.
  3. Department of Pharmacy and Drug Control.
  4. Department of Administrative and Financial Affairs.
  5. Health Institutes and schools Unit.
    - Department of General Medical Commission.
    - Department of Medical Licensing.
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## Article 9

Each department of the departments of the Ministry shall be headed by a director who shall be directly responsible to the undersecretary.

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## Article 10

Each Department's director shall assume the following duties:

1. Discharging the affairs of the department and following up its work progress, and coordinating with its sections and offices that affiliated to the department.
  2. Proposing resolutions required for the development of the department's activity.
  3. Preparing the draft budget of the department.
  4. Adopting resolutions and signing various transactions that fall within the duties thereof.
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## Article 11 (Amended By Cabinet Decision 5/1997)

The Department of Preventive Health shall be responsible for the following:

1. Proposing general policy in the field of combating communicable and epidemiological diseases.
2. Developing programmes for combating of communicable and epidemiological diseases and supervising the implementation thereof.
3. Carrying out the necessary check-up of workers in the field of food to ensure that they are free from infectious disease, and issuing the necessary certificates in this regard.
4. Proposing the permitted levels of environmental pollutants, food contaminants and composite substances, developing plans to reduce such levels, and drawing the relevant measures for improvement of the environment health and maintenance of health of work environment, in coordination with the competent bodies.
5. Following up the monitoring activities related to drinking water, and drainage and disposal of garbage and human, animal and industrial waste all over the country in coordination with the competent bodies in the State.
6. Registering birth and death incidences and issuing the necessary certificates thereof, keeping the records thereof and preparing the relevant required reports.
7. Participating in the study and preparing health requirements for commercial, industrial and public shops, in coordination with the competent bodies in the State.
8. Health control on imports of goods, foodstuff, and other, and damaging invalid ones in coordination with the competent bodies.
9. Inspecting the various shipping means that carrying foodstuff to make sure their safety.
10. Laying out awareness and health information plans in order to achieve and implement the objectives of health policy.

## Article 12

The Department of Primary Health Care shall be responsible for the following:

1. Providing and developing curative health services.
2. Providing medical services to the Department of School Health.
3. Establishing health centres, organising their work, and supervising them from technical and administrative sides.
4. Following up research and studies carried out by various international organisations and scientific bodies in the field of centres' works and primary curative services.
5. Proposing the necessary curative health policy in the field of child and maternal health and setting up and implementing their programmes and issuing media releases in this regard.
6. Proposing health policy in the field of nursing services.
7. Proposing training and continuing education programmes for workers in the medical and supporting medical professions, and others.
8. Establishing health information system and health registration.
9. Studying and analysing received health data and providing the necessary suggestions thereon.

## Article 13

The Department of Pharmacy and Drug Control shall be responsible for the following:

1. Proposing the drug policy in the State.
2. Identifying the needs of the medical stores at the Ministry and its affiliated institutions of medicines and pharmaceutical preparations and working on their provisions in coordination with the competent bodies.
3. Organising the practice of the Ministry's pharmacies and supervising their staff.
4. Preparing programmes of pharmacies shifts in the private sector in coordination with the competent bodies at the Ministry.
5. Supervising the determination of prices of medicines in pharmacies of the private sector in coordination with the competent bodies at the Ministry.
6. Controlling the quality and validity of medicines, pharmaceutical preparations and chemicals used in the preparation thereof.
7. Inspecting all public and private pharmacies and drug stores and factories to verify the implementation of the laws.
8. Cooperating with the competent bodies in combating drug adulteration and the unlicensed practice of the pharmacy profession.
9. Establishing rules for dispensing narcotic, hypnotic and stimulant medications and following up inspection reports received in this regard.
10. Issuing import and export permits for drugs, pharmaceutical preparations, pesticides and cosmetics.
11. Supervising the registration of pharmaceutical companies and their products in coordination with the competent bodies at the Ministry and preparing the relevant records.

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## Article 14

The Department of Administrative and Financial Affairs shall be responsible for the following:

1. Implementing administrative and financial regulations and bylaws.
2. Implementing procedures relating to personnel affairs.
3. Identifying the Ministry's needs of posts and manpower in coordination with the other administrative units.
4. Determining the training needs of the Ministry's staff in coordination with the competent bodies.
5. Providing supplies and equipment required by the Ministry and its various administrative units to perform their functions.
6. Providing and supervising maintenance services to the devices and buildings of the Ministry.
7. Preparing the Ministry's draft budget and following up implementation thereof.
8. Establishing and managing information systems.

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## Article 15

The Health Institutes and Schools Unit shall be responsible for the following:

1. Identifying the needs of necessary specialisations for the health development plans.
2. Working on providing the necessary technical personnel.
3. Proposing to establish health institutes and schools and determining the conditions relating to its functions and work programmes.
4. Determining the curriculum and enrolment requirements in each health institute or school.
5. Reviewing reports related to health institutes and schools' activities and making recommendations thereon.

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## Article 16

The Medical Relations Section shall be responsible for the following:

1. Receiving consultants' reports on the transferred medical cases and referring them to the medical committee.
2. Receiving patients' complaints from citizens about the pathological cases and referring them to the medical committee.
3. Informing the competent bodies of the medical committee's decision on the cases considered.
4. Taking the necessary measures for travel of patients that the Committee approves to treat them abroad and their companions, disbursing their travel tickets and securing their treatment and residence abroad, in coordination with the competent medical office.
5. Preparing medical reports periodically on pathological cases considered by the medical committee and submitting them to concerned persons upon request.

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## Article 17

The International and Public Relations Section shall be responsible for the following:

1. Proposing plans that aim to achieve international cooperation in the field of health.
2. Following up of the activity of international health organisations, conferences and meetings in which the Ministry is a party, and notifying the competent bodies of its decisions.

3. Following up the implementation of joint projects between the Ministry and international bodies.
4. Coordinating and organising the involvement of the Ministry in the international and regional health meetings and preparing relevant reports in this regard.
5. Sending the necessary reports and data required by international and regional organisations on health conditions of the State.
6. Extrapolating the public opinion trends concerning health services and preparing the necessary studies that help to identify such trends.
7. Coordinating with the competent bodies and with various media in dissemination of the message of the Ministry, clarifying objectives, and policy, and covering its news.
8. Issuing booklets and media releases in the field of the Ministry's activity.
9. Developing health awareness of the citizens.
10. Receiving inquiries and complaints, referring the same that need to be discussed to the competent body and following up the response thereon.
11. Organising the reception and farewell of visitors.

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## Article 18

The Council of Ministers may, upon a proposal from the Minister, amend the organisation of the administrative units comprising the Ministry by addition, cancellation and merging, and may assign or amend their competencies

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## Article 19

Sections in the administrative units which comprise the Ministry may be established, abolished and merged as required by the public interest and their competencies may be determined and amended by a resolution of the Minister.

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## Article 20

The Minister shall issue the necessary bylaws and resolutions to implement the provisions of this Decree-Law.

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## Article 21

Each provision that violates the provisions of this Decree-Law shall be rescinded.

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## Article 22

All competent authorities, each within its own jurisdiction, shall enforce this Decree-Law which shall come into force from the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

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