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**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**Section**

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[ L.S.]



I Assent,

**Louise Lake-Tack,**  
*Governor-General.*

22nd January, 2013.

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**THE ACCREDITATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012**  
**No. 15 of 2012**

**AN ACT** to amend the Accreditation Act, 2006, No. 4 of 2006.

**ENACTED** by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

**1. Short title.**

This Act may be cited as The Accreditation (Amendment) Act, 2012.

**2. Interpretation.**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, “principal Act” means the Accreditation Act 2006, No 4 of 2006.

**3. Amendment of section 2 – Insertion of certain defined words and expressions.**

The principal Act is amended in section 2 as follows:

(a) by inserting the following definitions after the word “accredited certified institution”;

“Agreement” means the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions, signed at Castries, St. Lucia on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2003 and set forth in the Schedule to the Caribbean Accreditation Authority (Medicine and Other Health Professions) Act, 2009;

“Authority” means the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions, established pursuant to Article 2 of the Agreement;

“award” means a degree, diploma, certificate or other evidence that a prescribed programme of study in medicine or other health professions has been completed successfully.

(b) by inserting the following definition after the word “Minister”

“Other health professions” mean any health profession other than medicine specified by the Authority pursuant to paragraph 4 of Article 9 of the Agreement.

(c) by inserting the following definition after the word “programme of study”

“programme of study in medicine or other health professions” means a curriculum comprising a series of courses in medical education or in other health professions leading to an award at an institution;

(d) by repealing the definition of “accredit and “accreditation” and substituting the following definitions

“accredit” means the according of recognition by the Board or Authority, as appropriate, on the basis of an informed evaluation that the programmes of study offered by an institution and any award it confers satisfy the standards prescribed or approved by the Board or the Authority, as appropriate;

“accreditation” means a determination by the Board or Authority, as appropriate, that an institution or a programme of study meets the prescribed standard stipulated by the Board or the Authority, as appropriate;”

#### **4. Amendment of section 43 – Programmes of study in medicine and other health professions**

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 42, the following section –

“43. Programmes of study in medicine and other health professions;

(1) No institution that seeks to offer a programme of study in medicine or other health professions in Antigua and Barbuda shall do so without the authorisation of the Minister.

- (2) No institution shall be authorised to offer a programme of study in medicine or in other health professions in Antigua and Barbuda unless the programme of study in medicine or in other health professions is accredited by the Authority.
- (3) The Minister may, on the advice of the Board, authorise provisionally an institution to offer a programme of study in medicine or in other health professions pending accreditation by the Authority.
- (4) A provisional authorisation granted pursuant to subsection (3), shall be revoked if the institution fails to obtain accreditation by the Authority within twelve months from the date of the provisional authorization.

Passed by the House of Representatives this  
26th day of November, 2012.

Passed by the Senate this 29th day of  
November, 2012.

**D. Gisele Isaac-Arrindell,**  
*Speaker.*

**Hazely M. Francis,**  
*President.*

**Romona Small,**  
*Clerk to the House of Representatives.*

**Romona Small,**  
*Clerk to the Senate.*