

IAMRA

Principles in Medical Regulation

Medical regulatory authorities serve in the best interest of the public. Their mandate is to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public by ensuring proper standards for the profession of medicine.

The International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) expects that medical regulatory authorities that are members of IAMRA will strive to apply the following five principles in the administration of their mandate:

1. Accountability / Acceptability
Medical regulatory authorities operate in such a manner as to be able at all times to explain, justify or render accounts about all their activities to the public, government or other stakeholders. They will do so in the appropriate social, cultural and economic contexts.
2. Fairness
Medical regulatory authorities operate within established standards, rules, regulations, guidelines, by-laws, policies or legislation that are free from favouritism, self-interest, bias or deception.
3. Feasibility/Affordability
Medical regulatory authorities operate within the social, political and fiscal realities of the times, without compromising the other principles laid out in this document.
4. Materiality
Medical regulatory authorities ensure that all their actions and activities are justifiable according to the mandate stated above. These actions and activities may include some or all of the following: registration, licensure, discipline, education, ongoing competence and rehabilitation / remediation of physicians.
5. Transparency / Openness
Medical regulatory authorities clearly define and readily communicate their mandate, their rules and regulations, their processes and procedures, and all other activities to their major stakeholders, i.e., the public (including patients), physicians and government. Medical regulatory authorities consult their major stakeholders when and where appropriate before establishing rules and regulations, and processes and procedures.