

ACCRA METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY (Herbalists) Bye-laws, 2017

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the ACCRA METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY by section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (ACT 936), this Bye-law is hereby made.

1. Licence

A herbalist shall not practice within the area of authority of the Assembly unless

- (a) He registers with the Ghana Psychic and Traditional Healers Association; and
- (b) Obtains a licence from the Medical Officer of Health of the Assembly and complies with conditions which the Assembly has set under paragraph 2 below and any other conditions that may become necessary.

2. Duration of Licence

A licence issued under this Bye-law shall expire on the 31st day of December in the year in which it was issued.

3. Sanitary Conditions of Herbalist's Premises

A herbalist shall-

- (a) Keep his premises and surroundings clean;
- (b) Remove all filth from the premises from time to time and as often as may be necessary to maintain the premises in a state of cleanliness.
- (c) Keep his stock under hygienic conditions;
- (d) Take all reasonable precautions in cases of infectious and contagious diseases; and
- (e) Refer cases beyond his competence to a hospital with reasonable dispatch.

4. Inspection of Premises

- (a) An officer from the Environmental Health Department of Assembly duly authorised shall enter and inspect the sanitary conditions of an herbalist's premises periodically.
- (b) The said officer shall also make unannounced visits to the premises of the herbalist for purposes of enforcing paragraph 4 (a) above.
- (c) The said officer may request the herbalist to produce the license issued by the Assembly for inspection,

(d) The Assembly may in a year in conjunction with the Traditional Healers Association and the Foods and Drugs Authority organise seminars for the herbalist on the need to keep clean surroundings and better health practices.

5. Revocation

The Assembly shall revoke the licence of a herbalist under the following conditions;

- la) Where a herbalist is convicted on two or more occasions of an offence involving dishonest or improper conduct as a herbalist, or
- (b) Where the herbalist repeatedly fails to keep and maintain good sanitary conditions in his premises.

2. Restoration

An herbalist, whose licence is revoked by in accordance with the preceding paragraph, shall apply for a restoration of the licence after satisfying conditions imposed by the Assembly, in accordance with advice from the Health Department of the Assembly.

3. Penalty

A person who contravenes this Bye-law commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine, not more than one hundred penalty units or a term of imprisonment of not less than thirty days and not more than six months or to both; and in case of a continuing offence, is liable to a fine of not more than one penalty unit for each day that the offence continues. Fifty percent (50%) of the fine paid should be allotted to Accra Metropolitan Assembly

4. Revocation

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly Herbalist Bye-law, 1995 is hereby revoked

6. Interpretation

In this Bye-law, unless the context otherwise requires,

"Herbalist" means anyone who practices alternative / traditional medicine and belong to traditional healers and alternative medicine practitioners' association or any other recognized professional body.

"Assembly" means Accra Metropolitan Assembly

Made at a meeting of the Accra Metropolitan Assembly held on the 19th of April, 2017

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Approved by the Regional Co-ordinating Council, Greater Accra on behalf of the Minister of local Government and Rural Development.

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