

## Regulated Professions Representative Form

### Section 1: Regulated Profession Details

Regulated Profession:

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### Section 2: Observations Regarding Legislation

Please provide specific observations related to the legislation governing this profession:

The University of Nicosia – Athens Branch has extended its established medical education model to Greece, replicating the curriculum, infrastructure, and academic standards of its main campus in Cyprus.

The programme under evaluation is a 6-year Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree (360 ECTS), scheduled to begin in the academic year 2025–2026. It is delivered in accordance with the principles of competency-based medical education, aligned with the EU Directive 2005/36/EC and the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) Global Standards for Quality Improvement.

The programme meets the minimum requirements for recognition under the “Registration of Doctors Law” (Cap. 250) of Cyprus, specifically Article 4 and Annex IV, which transpose the EU Directive. These stipulate that basic medical training must consist of at least five years and 5,500 hours of theoretical and practical instruction under university supervision.

The 6-year MD programme of the University of Nicosia – Athens Branch not only exceeds the required minimum duration but also provides comprehensive clinical training through its collaboration with the Hellenic Healthcare Group, ensuring that graduates are fully prepared for medical registration and practice within Cyprus and the European Union.

### Section 3: Additional Comments

Any further comments:

The University of Nicosia - Athens Branch is delivering a robust and internationally aligned medical programme that meets all legal and professional standards for medical education and registration. The institution emphasizes high academic standards, student-centred learning, and strong clinical exposure.

The combination of a 6-year structure and an integrated curriculum places the programme well above the minimum legal threshold, offering assurance of quality and professional readiness for its graduates.

In order to further enhance the overall quality and competitiveness of the graduates, it is strongly recommended to raise the minimum admission grade to 18.5. This would better align the programme with the higher entry requirements observed in other private medical institutions in Cyprus and Greece, ensuring that students enter the programme with a stronger academic foundation.

Additionally, it is advisable to reduce the number of admitted students per cohort. A smaller class size would allow for a more student-focused educational model, enable closer academic supervision, and facilitate better clinical training management—particularly in terms of coordinating clinical rotations in affiliated hospitals, where capacity is inherently limited.

Representative's Signature:



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