

Amendments to the Regulation on Private Hospitals Were Introduced

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The Regulation on Private Hospitals were amended and amending regulation entered into force on the date of publication.

The Regulation Amending the Regulation on Private Hospitals published in the Official Gazette dated 27/3/2002 and numbered 24708 ("**Regulation**"), published in the Official Gazette dated 17 November 2023 and numbered 32372.

The new provisions with the Regulation are as follows:

- Regulations on bed capacity and other hospital equipment were introduced. In this respect, (i) private hospitals will need to be opened with a minimum capacity of one hundred beds, excluding observation room beds, and (ii) the total number of intensive care beds and incubators will not exceed 30 percent of the total number of patient beds.
- (i) Private hospitals with an indoor area not exceeding 25 thousand square meters and with a minimum staff of 33 specialist physicians, and (ii) private hospitals with an indoor area exceeding 25 thousand square meters and with a combined or single staff of clinician specialist physicians 2 times the minimum staff of specialist physicians will be allowed to increase the total number of beds to one hundred.
- In order to ensure sufficient capacity in hospitals to be opened by foundation universities, there will be an actual bed capacity at least equal to or above the number of beds required in a tertiary hospital. The conditions under which foundation universities with at least one active hospital can be transferred on a one-off basis have been determined.
- In private hospitals other than ophthalmology branch hospitals, it will be compulsory to have one mobile x-ray device and to establish a radiology centre with an x-ray device with at least 500 mA power.
- For centres applying ionising radiation sources and radionuclides for diagnosis and treatment in medicine, a licence for use and possession will be obtained from the Nuclear Regulatory Authority on behalf of the hospital owner in accordance with the provisions of the relevant legislation.
- A Private Hospitals Licensing Commission ("**Comission**") will be established by the Ministry to examine the licence applications of private hospitals and requests for changes in their licences on file and on site, and to take advisory decisions regarding their opening, inspection, evaluation and closure.

The Commission will be chaired by the Director General or a deputy director general to be appointed by the Director General, and will consist of five persons to be appointed for a period of 2 years:

The committee will consist of: a) an architect, b) relevant personnel of the General Directorate, c) a representative from the department responsible for legal and legislative affairs of the General Directorate when necessary, d) a civil and/or mechanical and/or electrical engineer when necessary.

The full text of the Regulation is available at this [link](#). (Only available in Turkish)

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