

Health Professions Council – 1 October 2008

The Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees)
(Amendment) Rules 2009

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

The attached rules reflect the Council's decision regarding the proposed fee rise. In accordance with the timetable for the implementation of the fee increase the agreed rules will be laid in Parliament and will come into effect by 6 January 2009.

Decision

The Council is asked to agree the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2009.

Background

none

Resource implications

none

Financial implications

none

Appendices

Impact statement – which will accompany the rules when laid in Parliament

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**The Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees)
(Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2009**

Made - - - - - ***
Laid before Parliament ***
Coming into force - - - - - ***

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the [date] day of 2007

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred on it by articles 7(1), 7(2), 33(7), 41(2) and 45(1) of the Health Professions Order 2001^(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Health Professions Council has made the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2007 as set out in the Schedule to this Order:

And whereas by articles 41(1) and 42 of the Health Professions Order 2001 such Rules shall not come into force until approved by order of the Privy Council:

Now, therefore, Their Lordships, having taken the Rules into consideration, are pleased to, and do hereby, approve them.

This Order may be cited as the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2009 and shall come into force on [date] 2009.

The Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2009

The Health Professions Council, in exercise of its powers under articles 7(1), 7(2), 33(7), 41(2) and 45(1) of the Health Professions Order 2001(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and following consultation in accordance with articles 7(1), 7(3) and 41(3) of that Order, hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2009 and shall come into force on [date].

Interpretation

2. In these Rules “the principal Rules” means the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules 2003(b).

Amendments to the principal Rules

- 3.—(1) In rule 14 of the principal Rules (registration fee)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for “£72” substitute “£76”; and
 - (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£144” substitute “£152”.
- (2) In rule 15 of the principal Rules (renewal fee) for “£144” substitute “£152”.
- (3) In rule 15A of the principal Rules (readmission fee) for “£254” substitute “£267”.
- (4) In rule 16 of the principal Rules (restoration fee) for “£254” substitute “£267”.
- (5) In rule 17 of the principal Rules (scrutiny fee)—
- (a) in paragraph (1) for “£50” substitute “£53”; and
 - (b) in paragraph (2) for “£400” substitute “£420”.

Sealed with the common seal of the Health Professions Council on [date].



Anna Van der Gaag
President

Marc Seale
Registrar

(a) S.I. 2002/254
(b) S.I. 2003/1572

Appendix 1

Impact Statement

Government Departments are required to carry out an Impact Assessment (IA) on policy changes which may affect business or the third sector. Although that requirement does not apply to HPC, we believe that assessing the impact of policy changes is a valuable exercise and we have done so in respect of our proposed fee changes.

The guidance on impact assessment indicates that IAs should be proportionate to the changes being proposed and states that an IA is not required in a number of instances, for example, where statutory fees are being varied by means of a predetermined formula, such as the rate of inflation.

Although the Council's proposals do not vary fees by means of a predetermined index-linking formula, the changes proposed are limited to increasing fees in line with the expected rate of inflation between June 2007, when the fees were last increased, and April 2009, when the new fees will take effect.

Generally, the fees are paid by individual registrants rather than by organisations and some fees, such as scrutiny fees, are one-off costs that would only be paid once during a registrant's career.

On the basis that that fees are payable by individuals (and in many cases are tax deductible) and will only be rising broadly in line with inflation and thus will be cost-neutral in real terms, the Council has concluded that the proposed fee changes are unlikely to have a significant impact on business, the public sector or third sector.