

Health Professions Council – 17 October 2010

The Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment)
Rules 2010

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

At the meeting of Council in July 2010, consideration was given to the results of the consultation carried out by the HPC regarding removing the existing requirement for a health reference at the point of entry to the Register. After discussion, approval was given to removing the existing requirement and replacing it with a self-declaration, subject to the necessary amendments being made to the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules 2003.

Draft Rules for that purpose are attached for your consideration. In accordance with Department of Health protocol, these are currently being considered by Department of Health lawyers, acting on behalf of the Privy Council.

Decision

To avoid the need to convene a special meeting solely to agree the Rules in their final form, which need to be in place by 1 January 2011, the Council is asked to:

1. Approve the draft Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2010;
2. Agree that approval of those Rules in their final form (by the Chair and Chief executive signing the rules and affixing the seal of the Council) may be given by means of electronic resolution, subject to the Solicitor to the Council providing a report either (1) confirming that no amendments have been made to the draft Rules or (2) explaining any amendments which have been made and confirming that they do not constitute material changes to the draft Rules;

Background information

None

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Background papers

None

Appendices

Draft Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2010.

Date of paper

29 September 2010

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(Amendment) Rules 2010**

The Health Professions Council makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by articles 7(1) and (2) and 41(2) of the Health Professions Order 2001.

In accordance with articles 7(1) and (3) and 41(3) of that Order, the Health Professions Council has consulted the Education and Training Committee and representatives of groups of persons it considers appropriate, including representatives of the groups listed in articles 7(3) and 41(3) of that Order.

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2011 and come into force on ***.

Amendment of the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules 2003

2. (1) The Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules 2003 are amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) In rule 4 (applications for registration)—

(a) in paragraph (2), for sub-paragraph (b) substitute—

“(b) a declaration as to the applicant’s physical and mental health made by the applicant on the form provided by the Council.”.

(b) in paragraph (3), leave out sub-paragraph (b);

(c) leave out paragraphs (4), (4A) and (5).

(3) In rule 5 (other conditions of registration), in paragraph (2) for sub-paragraph (a) substitute—

“(a) the declaration provided by the applicant under rule 4(2)(b); and”.

(4) Leave out Schedule 4 (health reference).

Given under the official seal of the Health Professions Council this ***

Anna van der Gaag
Chair

Marc Seale
Registrar