

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2005 No. 3361

The National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) Regulations 2005

PART 2

CONTRACTORS

[^{F1}Conditions: introductory

3. Subject to the provisions of any scheme made by the Secretary of State under section 300 (transfer schemes) and any order made under section 303 (power to make consequential provision) of the 2012 Act, [^{F2}NHS England] may only enter into a contract if the conditions set out in—

- (a) regulation 4; and
- (b) in the case of a contract to be entered into with a dental corporation on or after the coming into force for all purposes of article 39 of the Dentists Act Order (substitution of sections 43 and 44), regulation 5,

are met.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Reg. 3 substituted (1.4.2013) by [The National Health Service \(Primary Dental Services\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/364\)](#), regs. 1(1), 4 (with Sch. 1)
- F2** Words in Regulations substituted (6.11.2023) by [The Health and Care Act 2022 \(Further Consequential Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1071\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. para. 1**

General prescribed conditions relating to all contracts

4.—(1) For the purposes of section 28M of the Act (conditions upon which a general dental services contract may be entered into) the prescribed condition is that a person must not fall within paragraph (3).

(2) The reference to a person in paragraph (1) includes any director, chief executive or secretary of a dental corporation [^{F3}or any member of a limited liability partnership].

(3) A person falls within this paragraph if—

- (a) he or it is the subject of a national disqualification;
- (b) subject to paragraph (4), he or it is disqualified or suspended (other than by an interim suspension order or direction pending an investigation) from practising by any licensing body anywhere in the world;
- (c) within the period of five years prior to the date the contract is to be commenced or, if earlier, the date on which the contract is to be signed—

- (i) he has been dismissed (otherwise than by reason of redundancy) from any employment by a health service body, unless he has subsequently been employed by that health service body or another health service body and paragraph (5) applies to him or that dismissal was the subject of a finding of unfair dismissal by any competent tribunal or court; or
- (ii) he or it has been removed from, or refused admission to, a primary care list by reason of inefficiency, fraud or unsuitability (within the meaning of section 49F(2), (3) and (4) of the Act respectively ^{M1}) unless his or its name has subsequently been included in such a list;
- (d) he has been convicted in the United Kingdom of—
 - (i) murder; or
 - (ii) a criminal offence other than murder, committed on or after 14th December 2001, and has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of over six months;
- (e) subject to paragraph (6), he has been convicted outside the United Kingdom of an offence—
 - (i) which would, if committed in England and Wales, constitute murder; or
 - (ii) committed on or after 14th December 2001, which would if committed in England and Wales, constitute a criminal offence other than murder, and been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of over six months;
- (f) he has been convicted of an offence referred to in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 ^{M2} (offences against children and young persons with respect to which special provisions of this Act apply) or Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 ^{M3} (offences against children under the age of 17 years to which special provisions apply) committed on or after 1st April 2006;
- (g) he or it has—
 - (i) been [^{F4}made] bankrupt or had sequestration of his estate awarded [^{F5}or is a person in relation to whom a moratorium period under a debt relief order (under Part 7A of the Insolvency Act 1986) applies] unless ^{F6}... he has been discharged [^{F7}from the bankruptcy or the sequestration] or the bankruptcy order has been annulled;
 - (ii) been made the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim bankruptcy restrictions order under Schedule 4A [^{F8}, or a debt relief restrictions order or interim debt relief restrictions order under Schedule 4ZB,] to the Insolvency Act 1986 ^{M4} unless that order has ceased to have effect or has been annulled; or
 - (iii) made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, his or its creditors unless he or it has been discharged in respect of it;
- (h) an administrator, administrative receiver or receiver is appointed in respect of it;
- (i) he has within the period of five years prior to the date the contract is to be commenced or, if earlier, the date on which the contract is to be signed—
 - (i) been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which he was responsible or to which he was privy, or which he by his conduct contributed to or facilitated; or
 - (ii) been removed under section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 ^{M5} (powers of the Court of Session to deal with management of charities) [^{F9}or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland)

Act 2005 (powers of Court of Session)], from being concerned in the management or control of any body; or

- (j) he is subject to a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 ^{M6}, the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 ^{M7} or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 ^{M8} (failure to pay under county court administration order).

[^{F10}(4) A person shall not fall within paragraph (3)(b) where [^{F2}NHS England] is satisfied that the disqualification or suspension from practising is imposed by a licensing body outside the United Kingdom and it does not make that person unsuitable to be—

- (a) a contractor;
(b) a director, chief executive or secretary of a corporation entering into a contract, in the case of a contract with a dental corporation; or
(c) a member of a limited liability partnership entering into a contract, in the case of a contract with a limited liability partnership,

as the case may be.]

(5) Where a person has been employed as a member of a health care profession any subsequent employment must also be as a member of that profession.

[^{F11}(6) A person shall not fall within paragraph (3)(e) where [^{F2}NHS England] is satisfied that the conviction does not make that person unsuitable to be—

- (a) a contractor;
(b) a director, chief executive or secretary of a corporation entering into a contract, in the case of a contract with a dental corporation; or
(c) a member of a limited liability partnership entering into a contract, in the case of a contract with a limited liability partnership,

as the case may be.]

[^{F12}(7) For the purposes of paragraph (3)(c)(i), a health service body includes a Strategic Health Authority or a Primary Care Trust which was established before the coming into force of sections 33 and 34 of the 2012 Act.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Regulations substituted (6.11.2023) by [The Health and Care Act 2022 \(Further Consequential Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1071\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. para. 1**
- F3** Words in reg. 4(2) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The National Health Service \(Primary Dental Services\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/364\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(2)** (with Sch. 1)
- F4** Word in reg. 4(3)(g)(i) substituted (6.4.2016) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Bankruptcy\) and the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/481\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 13**
- F5** Words in reg. 4(3)(g)(i) inserted (1.10.2012) by [The Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2404\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 47(2)(a)(i)** (with art. 7)
- F6** Words in reg. 4(3)(g)(i) omitted (1.10.2012) by virtue of [The Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2404\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 47(2)(a)(ii)** (with art. 7)
- F7** Words in reg. 4(3)(g)(i) inserted (1.10.2012) by [The Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2404\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 47(2)(a)(iii)** (with art. 7)

- F8** Words in reg. 4(3)(g)(ii) inserted (1.10.2012) by [The Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2404\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 47(2)(b)** (with arts. 7, 8)
- F9** Words in reg. 4(3)(i)(ii) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The National Health Service \(Primary Dental Services\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/364\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(3)** (with Sch. 1)
- F10** Reg. 4(4) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The National Health Service \(Primary Dental Services\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/364\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(4)** (with Sch. 1)
- F11** Reg. 4(6) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The National Health Service \(Primary Dental Services\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/364\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(5)** (with Sch. 1)
- F12** Reg. 4(7) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The National Health Service \(Primary Dental Services\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/364\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(6)** (with Sch. 1)

Marginal Citations

- M1** Section 49F was inserted into the Act by section 25 of the 2001 Act and amended by the 2002 Act, Schedule 2, paragraph 21 and the 2003 Act, Schedule 14, Part 2.
- M2** 1933 c. 12 as amended by the [Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 \(c. 28\)](#), section 58(1), **Schedule 10**, paragraph 2; the [Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(c. 42\)](#), **section 139** and Schedule 6, paragraph 7; the [Criminal Justice Act 1988 \(c. 33\)](#), **section 170** and Schedule 15, paragraph 8 and Schedule 16, paragraph 16; and the [Sexual Offences Act 1956 \(c. 69\)](#), **sections 48** and 51 and Schedules 3 and 4; and modified by the [Criminal Justice Act 1988](#), section 170(1), Schedule 15, paragraph 9.
- M3** 1995 c. 46.
- M4** 1986 c. 45. Schedule 4A was inserted by section 257 of, and Schedule 20 to, the [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#).
- M5** 1990 c. 40.
- M6** 1986 c. 46 as amended by the [Insolvency Act 2000 \(c. 39\)](#).
- M7** S.I. 1986/1032 (N.I.6).
- M8** 1986 c. 45.

Additional prescribed conditions relating to contracts with dental corporations

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), it is a condition in the case of a contract to be entered into with a dental corporation on or after the date of the coming into force for all purposes of article 39 of the Dentists Act Order that no—

- (a) offence has been or is being committed under section 43 of the Dentists Act; or
- (b) financial penalty has been imposed under section 43B or 44 of the Dentists Act.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply if [^{F2}NHS England] is satisfied that any offence under section 43 or penalty imposed under section 43B or 44 of the Dentists Act does not make the dental corporation unsuitable to be a contractor, whether by virtue of the time that has elapsed since any conviction or penalty was imposed, or otherwise.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Regulations substituted (6.11.2023) by [The Health and Care Act 2022 \(Further Consequential Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1071\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. para. 1**

Reasons

6.—(1) Where [^{F2}NHS England] is of the view that the conditions in regulation 4 or 5 for entering into a contract are not met it shall notify in writing the person or persons intending to enter into the contract of its view and its reasons for that view and of his, its, or their right of appeal under regulation 7.

[^{F13}(2) [^{F2}NHS England] shall notify in writing its view and its reasons for that view to—

- (a) a director, chief executive or secretary of a dental corporation; or
- (b) the members of a limited liability partnership;

who is, or are, notified under paragraph (1) where its reasons for the decision relates to that person or those persons.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Regulations substituted (6.11.2023) by [The Health and Care Act 2022 \(Further Consequential Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1071\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. para. 1**
- F13** Reg. 6(2) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The National Health Service \(Primary Dental Services\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/364\)](#), regs. 1(1), **7(b)** (with Sch. 1)

Appeal

7. A person who has been served with a notice under regulation 6(1) may appeal to the [^{F14}First-tier Tribunal] against the decision of [^{F2}NHS England] that the conditions in regulation 4 or 5 are not met ^{F15}....

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Regulations substituted (6.11.2023) by [The Health and Care Act 2022 \(Further Consequential Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1071\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. para. 1**
- F14** Words in reg. 7 substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 3 para. 100(a)**
- F15** Words in reg. 7 omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 3 para. 100(b)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) Regulations 2005, PART 2.