



Medical Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 54

PART III

REGISTRATION OF PERSONS QUALIFYING OVERSEAS

[^{F1}19 Full registration of EEA nationals etc. by virtue of overseas primary qualifications etc.

[^{F2}(A1) Subsection (1) applies only in relation to an exempt person—

- (a) who has made an application, before IP completion day, for registration under this section, or
- (b) who is provisionally registered under section 21.]

(1) Where an exempt person satisfies the Registrar—

- (a) that he holds[^{F3}, or has passed all the qualifying examinations necessary for obtaining,] an acceptable overseas qualification other than a primary European qualification;

[^{F4}(aa) that, where—

- (i) that qualification was, or would have been, granted otherwise than in a relevant European State, and

- (ii) that qualification, or the person's having passed those examinations, has not previously been accepted by a relevant European State as qualifying the person to practise as a medical practitioner in that State,

the qualification is, or would have been, evidence of medical training which satisfies the requirements of article 24(1), (2) and (3)(a), (b) and (c) of the Directive (basic medical training);]

- [^{F5}(b) that, in the course of or as an adjunct to practice in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, he has undergone medical training and acquired clinical experience, over a period acceptable to the General Council, which has provided him with a foundation for future practice as a fully registered medical practitioner which is at least as good as the foundation provided by an acceptable programme for provisionally registered doctors; and]

- [^{F6}(c) that his fitness to practise is not impaired,]

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that person shall, if the General Council think fit so to direct, be registered under this section as a fully registered medical practitioner.

[^{F7}(1A) Subsection (1) does not apply to persons entitled to be registered under section 14A or 19A.]

[^{F8}(2) In this Act “exempt person” means—

- (a) a person who, immediately before IP completion day, was a national of a relevant European State,
- (b) a person who, immediately before IP completion day, was a national of the United Kingdom and, at that time, was seeking access to, or pursuing, the medical profession by virtue of an enforceable EU right, or
- (c) a person who, immediately before IP completion day, was not a national of a relevant European State, but at that time was, by virtue of an enforceable EU right, entitled to be treated, for the purposes of access to and pursuit of the medical profession, no less favourably than a national of a relevant European State.]

(3) In determining an application by any person for registration under this section, the General Council shall take into account—

- [^{F9}(a) if the applicant holds a medical qualification which was granted otherwise than in a relevant European State, but has been accepted by a relevant European State^{F10}... as qualifying him to practise as a medical practitioner in that State, the acceptance of that qualification; and]
- (b) all medical qualifications, knowledge or experience, wherever acquired, which are relevant to the determination of his application.

^{F11}(4)]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 19 substituted (17.12.2002) by [The Medical Act 1983 \(Amendment\) Order 2002](#) (S.I. 2002/3135), [arts. 1\(2\)\(\(d\), {6\(2\)}\)](#) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 2)
- F2** S. 19(A1) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/593), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 1 para. 12\(2\)](#) (with reg. 12A, Sch. 1 Pt. 2) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1394](#), regs. 4, 8(2), 9); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in s. 19(1)(a) inserted (19.7.2006 for specified purposes, 1.8.2007 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette dated 20.7.2007) by [The Medical Act 1983 \(Amendment\) and Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/1914), art. 1(2)(b)(c)(3), [27\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- F4** S. 19(1)(aa) inserted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007](#) (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), [13\(a\)](#)
- F5** S. 19(1)(b) substituted (19.7.2006 for specified purposes, 1.8.2007 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette dated 20.7.2007) by [The Medical Act 1983 \(Amendment\) and Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/1914), art. 1(2)(b)(c)(3), [27\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- F6** S. 19(1)(c) substituted (19.7.2006 for specified purposes, 19.10.2007 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette dated 20.7.2007) by [The Medical Act 1983 \(Amendment\) and Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/1914), arts. 1(2)(b)(c)(3), [47](#)
- F7** S. 19(1A) inserted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007](#) (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), [13\(b\)](#)
- F8** S. 19(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/593), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 1 para. 12\(3\)](#) (with reg. 12A, Sch. 1 Pt. 2) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1394](#), regs. 4, 8(2), 9); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- F9** S. 19(3)(a) substituted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **13(d)**
- F10** Words in s. 19(3)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/593\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 12(4)** (with reg. 12A, Sch. 1 Pt. 2) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1394](#), regs. 4, 9); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F11** S. 19(4) omitted (19.7.2006 for specified purposes, 1.8.2007 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette dated 20.7.2007) by virtue of [The Medical Act 1983 \(Amendment\) and Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1914\)](#), art. 1(2)(b)(c)(3), **27(b)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 11 para. 6](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 29B(2A)-(2C) inserted by [S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 29B(2A)(a) word substituted by [S.I. 2010/234 Sch. 1 para. 2](#)
- s. 29B(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 9\(3\)](#)
- s. 29E(1)(d)(e) inserted by [S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 12\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 29E(2)(e)(f) inserted by [S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 12\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 29F(1)(d)(e) inserted by [S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 14\(3\)](#)
- s. 35C(2)(f)(g) inserted by [S.I. 2008/1774 Sch. 1 para. 15](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. It was due to come into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47), see art. 1(4). S. 44(1) was repealed without ever being in force on 10.9.2012 by 2012 c. 9, s. 75(6), Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2)
- s. 35ZA inserted by [2008 c. 14 Sch. 7 para. 4](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1A(1)(b)(iv)(v) inserted by [S.I. 2024/374 Sch. 5 para. 1\(2\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 3B para. 5(d)(e) inserted by [S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 19\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3B para. 6(1)(d)(e) inserted by [S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 19\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3B para. 6(2)(d)(e) inserted by [S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 19\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3B para. 7(1)(d)(e) inserted by [S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 19\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3B para. 7(2)(c) and word inserted by [S.I. 2008/3131 Sch. 1 para. 19\(4\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)