



Dentists Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 24

PART III

THE DENTAL PROFESSION

Procedure for registration

[^{F1}21A Notification of results of application

- (1) This section applies where a person (“A”) makes an application to be registered in the register in exercise of entitlement under section 15.
- (2) The registrar, within the period of one month beginning with the date of receipt of the application, must—
 - (a) acknowledge receipt of the application; and
 - (b) inform A of any missing document required for the purposes of the application.

[^{F2}(2ZA) Where A holds a specified state qualification in dentistry, the registrar must—

- (a) give A adequate time to complete the requirements and procedures of the application process; and
- (b) deal promptly with A’s application.]

^{F3}(2A)

^{F4}(2B)

- (3) The registrar must notify A of the result of the [^{F5}application][^{F6}—
 - (a) where A holds a specified state qualification, within the period of four months beginning with the relevant date;
 - (b) in any other case, within the period of three months beginning with that date.]

[^{F7}(3A) In calculating any period of time for the purposes of subsection (3), the following are to be disregarded—

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- (a) any period which begins on the date on which the registrar makes a request under section 15A(4) and ends on the date on which A complies with the request; or
 - (b) any period which begins on the date on which the registrar requires A to undergo an examination or other assessment under section 15A(6)(a) and ends on the date on which A complies with the requirement under section 15A(6)(b).
- (4) The “relevant date”, in relation to an application, is—
- (a) the date when the registrar receives the application; or
 - (b) if any document required for the purposes of the application is missing when the registrar receives the application, the date on which the registrar first has all the documents required for those purposes.]

[A document which is requested or required under section 15A(4) or (6)(b) is not to be ^{F8}(5) treated as missing for the purposes of this section.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 21A substituted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **117**
- F2** S. 21A(2ZA) inserted (1.12.2023) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1286\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 24(a)**
- F3** S. 21A(2A) 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. 3 para. 11(a)** (with reg. 12A, Sch. 3 Pt. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1394, regs. 4, 11(4)-(10)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F4** S. 21A(2B) 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. 3 para. 11(a)** (with reg. 12A, Sch. 3 Pt. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1394, regs. 4, 11(4)-(10)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F5** Words in s. 21A(3) 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. 3 para. 11(b)** (with reg. 12A, Sch. 3 Pt. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1394, regs. 4, 11(4)-(10)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F6** S. 21A(3)(a)(b) substituted for words (1.12.2023) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1286\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 24(b)**
- F7** S. 21A(3A) inserted (1.4.2016) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Knowledge of English\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/806\)](#), arts. 1(3), **16(3)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 5
- F8** S. 21A(5) inserted (1.4.2016) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Knowledge of English\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/806\)](#), arts. 1(3), **16(4)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 5

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

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

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

- s. 27(2)(h)(i) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 1 para. 7](#) (This effect comes into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47). 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. 27(2)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 17](#)
- s. 27A(5)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 18\(3\)](#)
- s. 27BA inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 19](#)
- s. 36N(2)(h)(i) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 1 para. 8](#) (This effect comes into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47). 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. 36N(2)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 24](#)
- s. 36O(5)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 25\(3\)](#)
- s. 36PA inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 26](#)