



Osteopaths Act 1993

1993 CHAPTER 21

Appeals

29 Appeals against decisions of the Registrar.

- (1) Where the Registrar—
 - (a) refuses to register an applicant for registration under this Act,
 - [^{F1}(aa) fails to notify an applicant for full registration who is a specified state professional of the result of the application in accordance with section 6A(1)(e),]
 - (b) registers such an applicant with provisional or conditional registration,
 - [^{F2}(ba)
 - (c) refuses to renew any registration,
 - (d) removes the name of a registered osteopath from the register on the ground that he has breached one or more of the conditions subject to which his registration had effect (otherwise than under an order of the Professional Conduct Committee), or
 - (e) refuses to grant an application for the conversion of a conditional, or provisional, registration into full registration,the person aggrieved may appeal to the General Council.
- (2) Any such appeal shall be subject to such rules as the General Council may make for the purpose of regulating appeals under this section.
- (3) An appeal to the General Council [^{F3}under subsection (1)(a), (b), (c), (d) or (e)] must be made before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which notice of the Registrar's decision is sent to the person concerned.
- [^{F4}(3A) An appeal to the General Council under subsection (1)(aa) must be made before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the period for notifying the specified state professional of the result of the application expires (see section 6A(1)(e)).]

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[^{F5}(4) A person aggrieved by the decision of the General Council on an appeal under this section may appeal [^{F6}in England and Wales to the county court or in Northern Ireland] to a county court or, in the case of a person whose address in the register is (or if he were registered would be) in Scotland, [^{F7}to] the sheriff in whose sheriffdom the address is situated.

- (4A) On an appeal under subsection (4) above, the court (or the sheriff) may—
- (a) dismiss the appeal,
 - (b) allow the appeal and quash the decision appealed against,
 - (c) substitute for the decision appealed against any other decision which could have been made by the Registrar, or
 - (d) remit the case to the General Council to dispose of the case in accordance with the directions of the court (or the sheriff),
- and may make such order as to costs (or, in Scotland, expenses) as it (or he) thinks fit.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 29(1)(aa) 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. 49(a)**
- F2** S. 29(1)(ba) 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. 6 para. 8** (with reg. 12A, Sch. 6 Pt. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1394, regs. 4, 14); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in s. 29(3) 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. 49(b)**
- F4** S. 29(3A) 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. 49(c)**
- F5** S. 29(4)(4A) substituted for s. 29(4)-(6) (1.4.2003) by [National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 \(c. 17\)](#), **ss. 33(5)**, 42(3); S.I. 2003/833, art. 3(a) (with art. 4)
- F6** Words in s. 29(4) inserted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), **Sch. 9 para. 116(a)**; S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)
- F7** Word in s. 29(4) inserted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), **Sch. 9 para. 116(b)**; S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)

^{F8}29A. Appeals against decisions of the General Council

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Textual Amendments

- F8** S. 29A 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. 6 para. 9** (with reg. 12A, Sch. 6 Pt. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1394, regs. 4, 14); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

30 Appeals against decisions of the Health Committee.

- (1) Any person with respect to whom a decision of the Health Committee is made under section 23 may, before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which notification of the decision is sent to him, appeal against it in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) An appeal under subsection (1) shall lie to an appeal tribunal, consisting of a chairman and two other members, established for the purposes of the appeal in accordance with rules made by the General Council for the purposes of this section.
- (3) The General Council shall make rules as to the procedure to be followed by an appeal tribunal hearing an appeal under this section.
- (4) The rules may, in particular, make similar provision to that made by virtue of section 26(2)(d), (f), (g), (h), (i) or (j).
- (5) No decision against which an appeal may be made under this section shall have effect before—
 - (a) the expiry of the period within which such an appeal may be made; or
 - (b) the appeal is withdrawn or otherwise disposed of.
- (6) The chairman of an appeal tribunal—
 - (a) shall be selected in accordance with rules made by the General Council; and
 - (b) shall be qualified as mentioned in section 27(4).
- (7) Each of the other two members of an appeal tribunal shall be selected in accordance with rules made by the General Council—
 - (a) one of them being a fully registered osteopath, and
 - (b) the other being a registered medical practitioner.
- (8) The rules may not provide for the selection of any member of an appeal tribunal to be by the General Council.
- (9) The chairman of an appeal tribunal shall appoint a person approved by the members of the tribunal to act as clerk of the tribunal.
- (10) Subject to any provision made by the rules, an appeal tribunal shall sit in public and shall sit—
 - (a) in Northern Ireland, in the case of an osteopath whose registered address is in Northern Ireland;
 - (b) in Scotland, in the case of an osteopath whose registered address is in Scotland; and
 - (c) in England and Wales, in any other case.
- (11) On any appeal under this section—
 - (a) the appeal shall be by way of a rehearing of the case;
 - (b) the General Council shall be the respondent; and
 - (c) the tribunal hearing the appeal shall have power to make any decision which the Health Committee had power to make under section 23.
- (12) An appeal tribunal shall have the same powers of interim suspension as the Health Committee has [^{F9}by virtue of] section 24(1)(b) and that section shall have effect in relation to suspension orders made by appeal tribunals with the necessary modifications.

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- (13) No person shall be required by any rules made under this section to give any evidence or produce any document or other material at a hearing held by an appeal tribunal which he could not be compelled to give or produce in civil proceedings in any court in that part of the United Kingdom in which the hearing takes place.
- (14) An appeal tribunal shall have power to award costs.
- (15) Any expenses reasonably incurred by a tribunal, including any incurred in connection with the appointment of a clerk, shall be met by the General Council.

Textual Amendments
F9 Words in s. 30(12) substituted (5.7.1994) by 1994 c. 17, s. 42, **Sch. 2 para. 7**

31 Appeals against decisions of the Professional Conduct Committee and appeal tribunals.

- (1) Any person with respect to whom—
 - (a) a decision of the Professional Conduct Committee is made under section [F108 or]22, or
 - (b) a decision is made by an appeal tribunal hearing an appeal under section 30, may, before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which notification of the decision is [F111served on him, appeal against it to the relevant court.]

[F12(1A) In subsection (1), “the relevant court”—

- (a) in the case of a person whose address in the register is (or if he were registered would be) in Scotland, means the Court of Session,
- (b) in the case of a person whose address in the register is (or if he were registered would be) in Northern Ireland, means the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland, and
- (c) in the case of any other person, means the High Court of Justice in England and Wales.]

- (2) No such decision shall have effect—
 - (a) before the expiry of the period within which an appeal against the decision may be made; or
 - (b) where an appeal against the decision has been duly made, before the appeal is withdrawn or otherwise disposed of.

F13(3)

F13(4)

F13(5)

(6) On an appeal under this section, the General Council shall be the respondent.

F14(7)

[F15(8) On an appeal under this section, the court may—

- (a) dismiss the appeal,
- (b) allow the appeal and quash the decision appealed against,

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- (c) substitute for the decision appealed against any other decision which could have been made by the Professional Conduct Committee or (as the case may be) Health Committee, or
 - (d) remit the case to the Committee or appeal tribunal concerned to dispose of the case in accordance with the directions of the court,
- and may make such order as to costs (or, in Scotland, expenses) as it thinks fit.]

Textual Amendments

- F10** Words in s. 31(1)(a) inserted (5.7.1994) by 1994 c. 17, s. 42, **Sch. 2 para. 8(a)**
- F11** Words in s. 31(1) substituted (1.4.2003) by [National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 \(c. 17\)](#), **ss. 33(6)(a)**, 42(3); S.I. 2003/833, art. 3(a) (with art. 4)
- F12** S. 31(1A) inserted (1.4.2003) by [National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 \(c. 17\)](#), **ss. 33(6)(b)**, 42(3); S.I. 2003/833, art. 3(a) (with art. 4)
- F13** S. 31(3)-(5) repealed (1.4.2003) by [National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 \(c. 17\)](#), **ss. 33(6)(c)**, 42(3), **Sch. 9 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2003/833, art. 3(a)(c) (with art. 4)
- F14** S. 31(7) repealed (1.4.2003) by [National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 \(c. 17\)](#), **ss. 33(6)(c)**, 42(3), **Sch. 9 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2003/833, art. 3(a)(c) (with art. 4)
- F15** S. 31(8) substituted (1.4.2003) by [National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 \(c. 17\)](#), **ss. 33(6)(d)**, 42(3); S.I. 2003/833, art. 3(a) (with art. 4)

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