

# National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

### **2002 CHAPTER 17**

#### PART 2

[F1HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONS ETC.]

J<sup>F1</sup>The Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care]

## [F125D Power of regulatory bodies to establish voluntary registers

- (1) A regulatory body [F2other than Social Work England] may establish and maintain a voluntary register of persons who are (and, where the body thinks appropriate, persons who have been)—
  - (a) unregulated health professionals;
  - (b) unregulated health care workers;
  - (c) unregulated social care workers in England;
  - (d) participating in studies that come within subsection (2) or (3).
- (2) Studies come within this subsection if they are studies for the purpose of becoming a member of—
  - (a) a profession to which section 60(2) of the Health Act 1999 applies F3...
- (3) Studies come within this subsection if they are studies for the purpose of becoming—
  - (a) an unregulated health professional,
  - (b) an unregulated health care worker, or
  - (c) an unregulated social care worker in England.
- (4) A regulatory body may establish and maintain a register under subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c) of only such persons as are (or have been) engaged in work that supports, or otherwise relates to, work engaged in by members of a profession which the body

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regulates; but this subsection does not apply to the Health and Care Professions Council.

- (5) A regulatory body may establish and maintain a register under subsection (1)(d) of only such persons as are (or have been) participating in studies for the purpose of—
  - (a) in the case of studies coming within subsection (2), becoming a member of a profession which the body regulates,
  - (b) in the case of studies coming within subsection (3)(a), becoming a member of a profession for which the body maintains a voluntary register, or
  - (c) in the case of studies coming within subsection (3)(b) or (c), engaging in work in respect of which the body maintains a voluntary register.
- (6) The General Pharmaceutical Council may establish and maintain a register under subsection (1) of only such persons as are (or have been) engaged in work or participating in studies in England, Wales or Scotland.
- (7) The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland may establish and maintain a register under subsection (1) of only such persons as are (or have been) engaged in work, or are participating in studies, in Northern Ireland.
- (8) A regulatory body may establish and maintain a register under subsection (1) jointly with one or more other regulatory bodies.
- (9) Where regulatory bodies establish and maintain a register in reliance on subsection (8)
  - (a) subsections (4) and (5) apply to each body (but subsection (4) does not apply to the Health and Care Professions Council),
  - (b) subsection (6) applies to the General Pharmaceutical Council if it is one of the bodies, and
  - (c) subsection (7) applies to the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland if it is one of the bodies.
- (10) But subsections (6) and (7) do not apply where the bodies concerned are or include the General Pharmaceutical Council and the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland.
- (11) Accordingly, in those circumstances, the General Pharmaceutical Council and the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland may jointly establish and maintain a register of persons who are (and, where they consider appropriate, have been) engaged in work or participating in studies anywhere in the United Kingdom.
- (12) A request to be registered, or to continue to be registered, in a register established under subsection (1) must be accompanied by a fee of such amount as the regulatory body (or bodies) concerned may determine.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1 Ss. 25D-25F inserted (1.12.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), ss. 228, 306(4); S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(3)
- F2 Words in s. 25D(1) inserted (2.12.2019) by Children and Social Work Act 2017 (c. 16), s. 70(2), Sch. 4 para. 6(2); S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(r)
- F3 S. 25D(2)(b) and word omitted (2.12.2019) by virtue of Children and Social Work Act 2017 (c. 16), s. 70(2), Sch. 4 para. 6(3); S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(r)

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