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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 253

NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001

Made - - - - - *12th February 2002*

Coming into force

articles 1 and 54(4) *12th February 2002*
remainder in accordance
with article 1(2)

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of February 2002

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order in Council has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament in accordance with section 62(9) of the Health Act 1999⁽¹⁾;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by sections 60 and 62(4)⁽²⁾ of that Act, and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

PART I

GENERAL

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001.

(2) This article and article 54(4) come into force on the day on which this Order is made and the other provisions of this Order shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may specify.

(1) 1999 c. 8. An earlier draft of this Order was published for consultation in accordance with paragraph 9(1) of Schedule 3 to the Health Act.

(2) Section 62(4) applies section 126 of the National Health Service Act 1977, relevant amendments to which are made by the Health Act 1999.

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(3) Different days may be specified under paragraph (2) for different purposes and any day so specified shall be caused to be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes published not later than one week before that date.

Commencement Information

I1 Art. 1 in force at made date, see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Interpretation

2. This Order is to be interpreted in accordance with Schedule 4.

Commencement Information

- I2** [Art. 2](#) in force at 1.4.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I3** [Art. 2](#) in force at 22.1.2003 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56816, published 10.1.2003), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I4** [Art. 2](#) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I5** [Art. 2](#) in force at 1.8.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I6** [Art. 2](#) in force at 31.7.2006 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58044, published 14.7.2006), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

PART II

The Council and its Committees

The Nursing and Midwifery Council and its Committees

3.—(1) There shall be a body corporate known as the Nursing and Midwifery Council (referred to in this Order as “the Council”).

(2) The principal functions of the Council shall be to establish from time to time standards of education, training, conduct and performance for nurses and midwives and to ensure the maintenance of those standards.

(3) The Council shall have such other functions as are conferred on it by this Order or as may be provided by the Privy Council by order.

[^{F1}(4) The over-arching objective of the Council in exercising its functions is the protection of the public.

(4A) The pursuit by the Council of its over-arching objective involves the pursuit of the following objectives—

- (a) to protect, promote and maintain the health, safety and well-being of the public;
- (b) to promote and maintain public confidence in the professions regulated under this Order; and
- (c) to promote and maintain proper professional standards and conduct for members of those professions.]

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[^{F2}(5) In exercising its functions, the Council shall—

- (a) have proper regard for—
 - (i) the interests of persons using or needing the services of registrants in the United Kingdom, and
 - (ii) any differing interests of different categories of registrants;
- (b) co-operate, in so far as is appropriate and reasonably practicable, with public bodies or other persons concerned with—
 - (i) the employment (whether or not under a contract of service) of registrants,
 - (ii) the education or training of nurses, midwives or other health care professionals,
 - (iii) the regulation of, or the co-ordination of the regulation of, other health or social care professionals,
 - (iv) the regulation of health services, and
 - (v) the provision, supervision or management of health services.

(5A) In carrying out its duty to co-operate under paragraph (5)(b), the Council shall have regard to any differing considerations relating to practising as a nurse or midwife which apply in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

(5B) In paragraph (5), “health care professionals” means persons regulated by a body, other than the Council, mentioned in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (which relates to the Council for the Regulation of Health Care Professionals).]

(6) Before making any order under paragraph (3), the Privy Council shall consult the Council.

[^{F3}(7)

[^{F4}(7A) The Council shall be constituted as provided for by order of the Privy Council, subject to Part 1 of Schedule 1.]

(8) Part I of Schedule 1 shall have effect with respect to the constitution of the Council [^{F5}and orders of the Privy Council under paragraph (7A)].

[^{F6}(9) There shall be two committees of the Council, to be known as—

- (a) the Investigating Committee; and
- (b) the Fitness to Practise Committee.]

[^{F7}(10) The two committees mentioned in paragraph (9) are referred to in this Order as “the Practice Committees”.]

(11) Each of the [^{F8}Practice Committees] shall have the functions conferred on it by this Order.

(12) The Council may establish such other committees as it considers appropriate in connection with the discharge of its functions and delegate any of its functions to them, other than any power to make rules.

(13) The Council shall inform and educate registrants, and shall inform the public, about its work.

(14) Before establishing any standards or giving any guidance under this Order the Council shall consult representatives of any group of persons it considers appropriate including, as it sees fit, representatives of—

- (a) registrants or classes of registrant;
- (b) employers of registrants;
- (c) users of the services of registrants; and
- (d) persons providing, assessing or funding education or training for registrants or prospective registrants.

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- (15) The Council shall publish any standards it establishes and any guidance it gives.
- (16) Paragraphs (14) and (15) do not apply to guidance given to an individual which is particular to him.
- (17) Part II of Schedule 1 shall have effect with respect to the [F⁹Practice Committees].
- (18) Nothing in this Order shall require or permit any disclosure of information which is prohibited by or under any other enactment.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Art. 3(4)(4A) substituted for art. 3(4) (26.9.2016) by Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Act 2015 (c. 28), s. 6(4), **Sch. para. 5(2)**; S.I. 2016/906, reg. 2(b)
- F2** Art. 3(5)-(5B) substituted for art. 3(5) (12.6.2008) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), art. 1(2)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 1(a)**
- F3** Art. 3(7) omitted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 1(b)**
- F4** Art. 3(7A) inserted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 1(c)**
- F5** Words in art. 3(8) inserted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 1(d)**
- F6** Art. 3(9) substituted (31.3.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(a)** (with art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 1(2))
- F7** Art. 3(10) substituted (31.3.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(b)** (with art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 1(2))
- F8** Words in art. 3(11) substituted (31.3.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(c)** (with art. 3)
- F9** Words in art. 3(17) substituted (31.3.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(c)** (with art. 3)

Commencement Information

- I7** Art. 3(1)-(7), (9)(d), (12)-(16), (18) in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see **art. 1(2)(3)**
- I8** Art. 3(8)(10)(11)(17) in force at 1.4.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see **art. 1(2)(3)**
- I9** Art. 3(8)(11)(17) in force at 22.1.2003 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56816, published 10.1.2003), see **art. 1(2)(3)**
- I10** Art. 3(9)(10) in force at 22.1.2003 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56816, published 10.1.2003), see **art. 1(2)(3)**
- I11** Art. 3(11)(17) in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see **art. 1(2)(3)**
- I12** Art. 3(8) in force at 31.7.2006 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58044, published 14.7.2006), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

PART III

REGISTRATION

Registrar

4.—(1) The Council shall appoint a Registrar who shall hold office for such period and on such terms as the Council may determine.

(2) The Registrar shall have such functions as the Council may direct.

(3) The terms on which the Registrar holds office may, in addition to providing for his remuneration, include provision for the payment of such pensions, allowances or gratuities to or in respect of him, or such contributions or payments towards provision for such pensions, allowances or gratuities, as may be determined by the Council.

(4) Where the terms on which the Registrar holds office include provision for the payment to him of any allowances or expenses, the rate at which those allowances or expenses are paid shall be determined by the Council.

(5) If the Council appoints a deputy or assistant Registrar and that deputy or assistant Registrar is authorised by the Registrar to act for him in any matter, any reference in this Order to “the Registrar” shall include a reference to that deputy or assistant Registrar.

Commencement Information

I13 Art. 4 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

Establishment and maintenance of register

5.—(1) In accordance with the provisions of this Order the Council shall establish and maintain a register of qualified nurses and midwives.

(2) The Council shall from time to time—

(a) establish the standards of proficiency necessary to be admitted to the different parts of the register being the standards it considers necessary for safe and effective practice under that part of the register; and

(b) prescribe the requirements to be met as to the evidence of good health and good character in order to satisfy the Registrar that an applicant is capable of safe and effective practice as a nurse or midwife.

(3) The Council shall—

(a) before prescribing the requirements mentioned in paragraph (2)(b), consult ^{F10}... the persons referred to in article 3(14); and

(b) publish those requirements.

(4) The register shall show, in relation to each registrant, such address and other details as the Council may prescribe.

(5) In any enactment or instrument (past or future and including this Order), except where the context otherwise provides, “registered” in relation to nurses and midwives means registered in the register maintained under this article by virtue of qualifications in nursing or midwifery, as the case may be.

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Textual Amendments

- F10** Words in [art. 5\(3\)\(a\)](#) omitted (14.5.2009) by virtue of [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1182\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)\(e\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 38\(a\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I14** [Art. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I15** [Art. 5\(3\)\(a\)](#) in force at 7.7.2003 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56984, published 27.6.2003), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I16** [Art. 5](#) in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

[^{F11}Supplementary provisions as to necessary knowledge of English

5A.—(1) The Council must publish guidance about—

- (a) the evidence, information or documents to be provided by an applicant for the purpose of satisfying the Registrar under article 9(2)(ba) that the applicant has the necessary knowledge of English; and
- (b) the process by which the Registrar is to determine whether the Registrar is satisfied as mentioned in paragraph (a).

(2) The Registrar must have regard to the guidance published under paragraph (1) in determining whether the Registrar is satisfied as mentioned in paragraph (1)(a).

(3) Paragraphs (4) and (6) apply if, having considered any evidence, information or documents provided by the applicant in support of the applicant's application, the Registrar is not satisfied under article 9(2)(ba) that the applicant has the necessary knowledge of English.

(4) The Registrar may request the applicant to provide further evidence, information or documents within such period as the Registrar may specify.

(5) The Registrar may not exercise any power under paragraph (4) unless the Registrar has complied with any duty under article 9(3C).

(6) The Registrar may require the applicant—

- (a) to undergo an examination or other assessment; and
- (b) to provide information in respect of that examination or assessment,

within such period as the Registrar may specify.

(7) In the case of an applicant who is an exempt person, the Registrar may not exercise the power under paragraph (6) without having first—

- (a) exercised the power under paragraph (4); and
- (b) considered any further evidence, information or documents provided by the applicant.

(8) Guidance published under paragraph (1) may make different provision in relation to different cases or classes of case.

(9) In this article, references to an applicant are references to a person applying for registration in a part of the register or readmission to that part.]

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Textual Amendments

F11 Art. 5A inserted (18.1.2016) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Knowledge of English\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/806\)](#), arts. 1(3), **33**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4

Register

6.—(1) The register shall be divided into such parts as the Privy Council may by order determine, on a proposal by the Council or otherwise, and in this Order, references to parts of the register are to the parts so determined.

(2) Each part shall have a designated title indicative of different qualifications and different kinds of education or training and a registrant is entitled to use the title corresponding to the part of the register in which he is registered.

(3) Subject to article 7, the Privy Council may by order, on a proposal by the Council or otherwise, make such other provision in connection with the register as it considers appropriate and in particular may provide for—

- (a) the register to include entries indicating the possession of qualifications (whether or not they are approved qualifications) or competence in a particular field or at a particular level of practice, or for the use of a particular category of entry to be discontinued;
- [^{F12}(aa) the register to include an annotation denoting that a registrant is a visiting nurse or midwife from a relevant European State;]
- (b) persons to be registered in one or more parts of the register by virtue of having been included in the register maintained under the 1997 Act;
- (c) the recording of additional entries by virtue of their having been in the register maintained under the 1997 Act;
- (d) a specified part of the register to be closed, as from a date specified in the order, so that on or after that date no further person may become registered in that part;
- (e) a specified part of the register to be sub-divided into two or more parts, or for two or more parts to be combined into one;
- (f) persons to be registered in one or more parts of the register by virtue of having been registered in a part or parts of the register which have been closed, sub-divided or combined;
- (g) the register to include a part or parts for specialists in community and public health;
- (h) the recording in Welsh of titles, qualifications and other entries referred to in this paragraph in respect of those members of the professions regulated by this Order whose registered address is in Wales.

(4) The Privy Council, except where acting in accordance with a proposal made by the Council, shall consult the Council before making, varying or revoking any order under this article.

(5) Before making any proposal referred to in paragraph (1) or (3), the Council shall consult representatives of any group of persons who appear likely to be affected by the proposed order.

Textual Amendments

F12 Art. 6(3)(aa) inserted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **156**

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Commencement Information

- I17** [Art. 6](#) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I18** [Art. 6](#) in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

[^{F13}T] Temporary annotations with regard to emergencies involving loss of human life or human illness etc.

6A.—(1) If the Secretary of State advises the Registrar that an emergency has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur and that action should be considered under this article, the Registrar may make—

- (a) an annotation in the register against the name of a registrant to indicate that the registrant is qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances in a specified capacity, notwithstanding that the registrant is not so qualified, if the Registrar considers that the registrant is a fit, proper and suitably experienced person to order drugs, medicines and appliances in that capacity with regard to the emergency;
- (b) annotations in the register against the names of registrants comprising a specified group of registrants to indicate that they are qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances in a specified capacity, notwithstanding that they are not so qualified, if the Registrar considers that the group is comprised of registrants who are of a type who may reasonably be considered fit, proper and suitably experienced persons to order drugs, medicines and appliances in that capacity with regard to the emergency.

(2) The Registrar may make the annotation in such a way so as to distinguish registrants against whose names in the register annotations are made by virtue of paragraph (1) from registrants in respect of whom the annotation is made otherwise than by virtue of paragraph (1).

(3) Annotations made by virtue of paragraph (1)—

- (a) must be removed by the Registrar if the Secretary of State advises the Registrar that the circumstances that led the Secretary of State to advise the Registrar as mentioned in paragraph (1) no longer exist;
- (b) may be removed by the Registrar at any time, including where the Registrar has grounds for suspecting that the registrant’s fitness to order drugs, medicines or appliances may be impaired.

(4) A registrant against whose name in the register an annotation is made by virtue of paragraph (1)(b) as one of a specified group may have that annotation removed without the Registrar removing the equivalent annotations against the names of the other members of the group or by virtue of a decision to remove the annotations made by virtue of paragraph (1)(b) against the names of all the members of the group.

(5) For the purposes of this article, “emergency” means an emergency of the type described in section 19(1)(a) of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (meaning of “emergency”), read with [^{F14}subsection (2)(a) and (b)] of that section.]

Textual Amendments

- F13** [Art. 6A](#) inserted (12.6.2008) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 2](#)

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F14 Words in art. 6A(5) substituted (14.5.2009) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1182\)](#), art. 1(2)(e), [Sch. 4 para. 38\(b\)](#)

The register: supplemental provisions

7.—(1) The Council shall make rules in connection with registration and the register, and as to the payment of fees.

(2) The rules shall, in particular, make provision as to—

- (a) the form and keeping of the register;
- (b) the procedure for the making, alteration and deletion of entries in the register;
- (c) the form and manner in which applications are to be made and the fee to be charged—
 - (i) for registration, renewal of registration and readmission to the register,
 - (ii) for the making of any additional entry in the register, and
 - (iii) for registration to lapse;

(d) the documentary and other evidence which is to accompany applications of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (c).

(3) Before determining or varying any fees mentioned in paragraph (2)(c) the Council shall consult such of those persons mentioned in article 3(14) as it considers appropriate.

[^{F15}(4) Rules under this article shall not provide for fees to be charged in respect of a person's registration in exercise of entitlement under article 39A or Schedule 2A (visiting nurses and midwives from relevant European States).]

[^{F16}(5) Rules may not be made under this article in connection with annotations made under article 6A.]

Textual Amendments

F15 [Art. 7\(4\)](#) inserted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), [157](#)

F16 [Art. 7\(5\)](#) inserted (12.6.2008) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), art. 1(2)(b), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)

Commencement Information

I19 [Art. 7](#) in force at 5.3.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Access to register etc.

8.—(1) The Council shall make the register available for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable times.

(2) The Council shall publish the register maintained by it in such manner, and at such times, as it considers appropriate.

(3) Any copy of, or extract from, the published register shall be evidence (and in Scotland sufficient evidence) of the matters mentioned in it.

(4) A certificate purporting to be signed by the Registrar, certifying that a person—

- (a) is registered in a specified category;

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- (b) is not registered;
- (c) was registered in a specified category at a specified date or during a specified period;
- (d) was not registered in a specified category, or in any category, at a specified date or during a specified period; or
- (e) has never been registered,

shall be evidence (and in Scotland sufficient evidence) of the matters certified.

(5) On application by a registrant who wishes to practise in another [^{F17}relevant European State], the Council shall provide him with such documentary evidence as is required by [^{F18}the relevant provisions of the Directive].

Textual Amendments

F17 Words in art. 8(5) substituted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **158(a)**

F18 Words in art. 8(5) substituted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **158(b)**

Commencement Information

I20 [Art. 8](#) in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Registration

9.—(1) [^{F19}Subject to paragraph (7), a person] seeking admission to a part of the register must apply to the Council and, subject to the provisions of this Order, if he satisfies the conditions mentioned in paragraph (2) he shall be entitled to be registered in that part.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the conditions are that the application is made in the prescribed form and manner and that the applicant—

- (a) satisfies the Registrar that he holds an approved qualification awarded—
 - (i) within such period, not exceeding five years ending with the date of the application, as may be prescribed, or
 - (ii) before the prescribed period mentioned in head (i), and he has met such requirements as to additional education, training and experience as the Council may specify under article 19(3) and which apply to him;

[^{F20}(aa) satisfies the Registrar that there is in force in relation to the applicant, or there will be as necessary for the purpose of complying with article 12A, appropriate cover under an indemnity arrangement;]

- (b) satisfies the Registrar in accordance with the Council's requirements mentioned in article 5(2) that he is capable of safe and effective practice as a [^{F21}nurse or midwife;]

[^{F22}(ba) satisfies the Registrar that he has the necessary knowledge of English; and]

- (c) has paid the prescribed fee.

(3) Where the applicant is already registered in the register and wishes to be registered in an additional part of the register or to have additional entries recorded, paragraph (2)(a) shall apply only to the qualifications on which his application is based.

[^{F23}(3A) Where an exempt person makes an application under paragraph (1), the Registrar, within the period of one month beginning with the date of receipt of the application, must—

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- (a) acknowledge receipt of the application; and
- (b) inform the applicant of any missing document required for the purposes of the application.]

[^{F24}(3B) Paragraph (3C) applies if—

- (a) the Registrar is satisfied that the applicant falls within article 13(1)(b), (c) or (e) but not within article 13(1A); and
- (b) the applicant has paid the prescribed fee under paragraph (2)(c); but
- (c) the Registrar decides to make a request under article 5A(4).

(3C) The Registrar must notify the applicant that the Registrar recognises that the applicant, by virtue of falling within article 13(1)(b), (c) or (e), but not within article 13(1A), is entitled to be registered in a part of the register, subject to meeting any other requirements for registration.]

[^{F25}(4) Where a person makes an application under paragraph (1), the Registrar must, as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within the specified period, notify the applicant in writing—

- (a) of the result of the application; and
- (b) if the Registrar refuses the application, of the reasons for the decision, and of the applicant's right of appeal.

(5) [^{F26}Subject to paragraph (5ZA),] in paragraphs (4) and (6) “the specified period”—

- (a) except in a case specified in sub-paragraph (b), means the period of three months beginning with the relevant date;
- (b) in the case of an application by a person seeking registration in the register on the basis that he is to be regarded as having an approved qualification by virtue of falling within article 13(1)(e) or (f), means the period of four months beginning with the relevant date.

[^{F27}(5ZA) In calculating any period of time for the purposes of paragraph (5), the following are to be disregarded—

- (a) any period which begins on the date on which the Registrar makes a request under article 5A(4) and ends on the date on which the applicant complies with the request; and
- (b) any period which begins on the date on which the Registrar requires the applicant to undergo an examination or other assessment under article 5A(6)(a) and ends on the date on which the applicant complies with the requirement under article 5A(6)(b).]

(5A) 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.]

[^{F28}(5B) A document that is requested or required under article 5A(4) or (6)(b) is not to be treated as missing for the purposes of this article.]

(6) Failure to notify the applicant of the Registrar’s decision [^{F29}, including a decision for the purposes of paragraph (3B)(a) that the Registrar is not satisfied that the applicant falls within article 13(1)(b), (c) or (e) and not within article 13(1A),] within [^{F30}the specified period] shall be treated as a decision from which the applicant may appeal under article 37.

[^{F31}(7) This article does not apply to a person who seeks registration in exercise of entitlement under article 39A or Schedule 2A (visiting nurses and midwives from relevant European States).]

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Textual Amendments

- F19** Words in art. 9(1) substituted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **159(a)**
- F20** Art. 9(2)(aa) inserted (17.7.2014) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Indemnity Arrangements) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1887), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 24**
- F21** Words in art. 9(2)(b) substituted (18.1.2016) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **34(2)(a)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F22** Art. 9(2)(ba) inserted (18.1.2016) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **34(2)(b)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F23** Art. 9(3A) inserted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **159(b)**
- F24** Art. 9(3B)(3C) inserted (18.1.2016) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **34(3)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F25** Art. 9(4)-(5A) substituted for art. 9(4) (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **159(c)**
- F26** Words in art. 9(5) inserted (18.1.2016) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **34(4)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F27** Art. 9(5ZA) inserted (18.1.2016) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **34(5)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F28** Art. 9(5B) inserted (18.1.2016) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **34(6)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F29** Words in art. 9(6) inserted (18.1.2016) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **34(7)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F30** Words in art. 9(6) substituted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **159(d)**
- F31** Art. 9(7) inserted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **159(e)**

Commencement Information

- I21** Art. 9(2)(a)(i) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see **art. 1(2)(3)**
- I22** Art. 9 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

Renewal of registration and readmission

10.—(1) [^{F32}Subject to paragraph (6), where a person] is registered and wishes to renew his registration at the end of a prescribed period, he shall make an application for renewal to the Registrar in accordance with rules made by the Council.

(2) The Registrar shall grant the application for renewal if the applicant—

(a) meets the conditions set out in article 9(2)(b) and (c);

[^{F33}(aa) satisfies the Registrar that there is in force in relation to the applicant or there will be as necessary for the purpose of complying with article 12A, appropriate cover under an indemnity arrangement;]

[^{F34}(ab) in such circumstances as may be prescribed, meets the condition in article 9(2)(ba);]

(b) satisfies the Registrar that he has met any prescribed requirements for continuing professional development within the prescribed time; and

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- (c) where he has not practised, or has practised for less than the prescribed period, since his first registration or, as the case may be, his latest renewal, has met such requirements as to additional education, training or experience as the Council may specify under article 19(3) and which apply to him.

[^{F35}(2A) If the Council makes rules pursuant to paragraph (2)(ab)—

- (a) paragraph (3) applies to an applicant who is required to meet the condition in article 9(2)(ba) as if “(ab),” were inserted after “paragraph (2)”; and
- (b) article 5A applies as if in paragraph (9) of that article “or renewal of registration,” was inserted after “registration”.]

(3) Where an applicant does not satisfy the Registrar that he has met the requirements mentioned in paragraph (2)(b) or (c), the Registrar may renew the applicant’s registration on condition that he satisfy those requirements within a specified time and if the person fails to comply with the condition, subject to articles 12(3) and 37(3), his registration shall lapse and, in accordance with prescribed procedure, his name shall be removed from the register.

(4) Where a person’s registration has lapsed, he may apply to the Registrar to be readmitted and the Registrar shall grant the application if—

- (a) the applicant meets the conditions set out in article 9(2)(b) [^{F36}, (ba)] and (c); and
- (aa) [^{F37}the applicant satisfies the Registrar that there is in force in relation to the applicant or there will be as necessary for the purpose of complying with article 12A, appropriate cover under an indemnity arrangement;]
- (b) he satisfies the Registrar that he has met such requirements as to additional education, training or experience as the Council may specify under article 19(3) and which apply to him.

(5) Article 9(4) to (6) shall apply to applications made under this article.

[^{F38}(6) This article does not apply to a visiting nurse or midwife from a relevant European State.]

Textual Amendments

- F32** Words in art. 10(1) substituted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **160(a)**
- F33** Art. 10(2)(aa) inserted (17.7.2014) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Indemnity Arrangements\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1887\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 25(a)**
- F34** Art. 10(2)(ab) inserted (18.1.2016) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Knowledge of English\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/806\)](#), arts. 1(3), **35(2)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F35** Art. 10(2A) inserted (18.1.2016) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Knowledge of English\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/806\)](#), arts. 1(3), **35(3)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F36** Word in art. 10(4)(a) inserted (18.1.2016) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Knowledge of English\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/806\)](#), arts. 1(3), **35(4)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F37** Art. 10(4)(aa) inserted (17.7.2014) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Indemnity Arrangements\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1887\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 25(b)**
- F38** Art. 10(6) inserted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **160(b)**

Commencement Information

- I23** Art. 10(1)(2)(b)(c)(3) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I24** Art. 10 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

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Deemed registration of visiting EEA nurses and midwives

^{F39}11.

Textual Amendments

F39 Art. 11 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), 161

Lapse of registration

12.—(1) The Council may make rules providing for the procedure by which and the circumstances in which a registrant's name may be removed from the register on his own application or after the expiry of a specified period.

(2) Where a person's name is removed in accordance with this article or article 10(3), his registration shall be referred to as lapsed.

(3) Any rules made under paragraph (1) shall provide that a person's registration shall not lapse under this article or under article 10(3)—

- (a) where the person concerned is the subject of an allegation, or is treated under article 22(6) as if he were the subject of an allegation, or is the subject of any investigations or proceedings under Part V or VI of this Order, on the grounds only that he has not paid the prescribed fee or has failed to apply for renewal in the prescribed form or within the prescribed time; or
- (b) if the person concerned is the subject of a suspension order, a conditions of practice order, an interim suspension order or an interim conditions of practice order.

Commencement Information

I25 Art. 12 in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

I26 Art. 12 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

^{F40}Indemnity arrangements

12A.—(1) Each practising registrant must have in force in relation to that registrant an indemnity arrangement which provides appropriate cover for practising as such.

(2) For the purposes of this article, an “indemnity arrangement” may comprise—

- (a) a policy of insurance;
- (b) an arrangement made for the purposes of indemnifying a person;
- (c) a combination of the two.

(3) For the purposes of this article, “appropriate cover”, in relation to practice as a registered nurse or midwife, means cover against liabilities that may be incurred in practising as such which is appropriate, having regard to the nature and extent of the risks of practising as such.

(4) The Council may make rules in connection with the information to be provided to the Registrar—

- (a) by or in respect of a person applying for registration (including an application for restoration or readmission) for the purpose of determining whether or not the Registrar is

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satisfied that if the person is registered, there will be in force in relation to that person by the time that person begins to practise, an indemnity arrangement which provides appropriate cover;

(b) by or in respect of a person applying for renewal of their registration for the purpose of determining whether or not the Registrar is satisfied that if the person's registration is renewed, there will be in force in relation to that person by the time that person resumes practice, an indemnity arrangement which provides appropriate cover; and

(c) by or in respect of a registrant for the purposes of determining whether at any time there is in force in relation to the registrant an indemnity arrangement which provides appropriate cover.

(5) Rules made under paragraph (4) may require information to be provided—

(a) at the request of the Registrar; or

(b) on such dates or at such intervals as the Registrar may determine, either generally or in relation to individual registrants or registrants of a particular description.

(6) The Council may also make rules requiring a registrant to inform the Registrar if there ceases to be in force in relation to that registrant appropriate cover under an indemnity arrangement.

(7) The Council may also make rules requiring a registrant to provide the Registrar with such information as is necessary for the purpose of satisfying the Registrar that there is or will be in force in relation to that registrant appropriate cover provided under an indemnity arrangement by an employer.

[^{F41}(7A) For the purposes of verifying that information, the Registrar may disclose to any person information relating to a person's indemnity arrangement which is provided to the Council by virtue of rules made under paragraph (4) or (7).]

(8) If a registrant is in breach of paragraph (1)—

(a) the Registrar may remove that person from the register; or

(b) the person's fitness to practise may be treated for the purposes of article 22(1)(a)(i) as being impaired by reason of misconduct, and the Registrar may accordingly refer the matter to persons appointed by it under article 22(5)(b)(i) (where rules under article 23 provide) or to a Practice Committee under article 22(5)(b)(ii).

(9) If an applicant breaches rules under paragraph (4), or there is a breach of rules under that paragraph in respect of the applicant the Registrar may refuse the applicant's application for—

(a) admission (or readmission) to the register;

(b) restoration to the register; or

(c) renewal.

(10) If a registrant breaches rules under paragraph (4)(b) or (c), that person's fitness to practise may be treated for the purposes of article 22(1)(a)(i) as being impaired by reason of misconduct, and the Registrar may accordingly refer the matter to persons appointed by it under article 22(5)(b)(i) (where rules under article 23 provide) or to a Practice Committee under article 22(5)(b)(ii).

(11) This article does not apply to a person who has an entitlement to be registered under article 39 and Schedule 2A (visiting midwives, and certain nurses from relevant European States), or article 39A (visiting general system nurses from relevant European States).]

Textual Amendments

F40 Art. 12A inserted (17.7.2014) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Indemnity Arrangements) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1887), art. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 26

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F41 Art. 12A(7A) inserted (11.12.2014) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3272), arts. 1, 3

Approved qualifications

13.—(1) For the purposes of this Order a person is to be regarded as having an approved qualification if—

(a) he has a qualification awarded in the United Kingdom which has been approved by the Council as attesting to the standard of proficiency it requires for admission to the part of the register in respect of which he is applying;

^{F42}(b) he is an exempt person who has a qualification of the kind mentioned in article 14;

(c) subject to paragraph (1A), he is an exempt person (other than a person to whom sub-paragraph (b), (e) or (f) applies) who has a qualification awarded outside the United Kingdom, and either—

(i) the Council is satisfied that his qualification attests to a standard of proficiency comparable to that attested to by a qualification referred to in sub-paragraph (a), or

(ii) the Council is not so satisfied, but the applicant has undergone in the United Kingdom or elsewhere such additional training or experience as satisfies the Council, following any test of competence as it may require him to take, that he has the requisite standard of proficiency for admission to the part of the register in respect of which he is applying;

(d) he is not an exempt person and he has, elsewhere than in the United Kingdom, undergone training in nursing or midwifery, and either—

(i) the Council is satisfied that his qualification attests to a standard of proficiency comparable to that attested to by a qualification referred to in sub-paragraph (a), or

(ii) the Council is not so satisfied, but the applicant has undergone in the United Kingdom or elsewhere such additional training or experience as satisfies the Council, following any test of competence as it may require him to take, that he has the requisite standard of proficiency for admission to the part of the register in respect of which he is ^{F43}applying.]

^{F44} ...;

(e) he is an exempt person—

(i) whose case falls within regulation ^{F45}3(8)(a), (c), (d) or (e) of the General Systems Regulations,

(ii) to whom regulations ^{F46}27 to 34] of those Regulations apply by reason of the operation of regulation ^{F47}3(5)] of those Regulations, and

(iii) who is permitted to pursue the profession of nursing or midwifery in the United Kingdom by virtue of Part 3 of those Regulations (having, in particular, successfully completed any adaptation period, or passed any aptitude test, that he may be required to undertake pursuant to that Part of those Regulations); or

(f) he is an exempt person (other than a person to whom sub-paragraph (e) applies) who is permitted to practise as a nurse in the United Kingdom by virtue of Part 3 of the General Systems Regulations (having, in particular, successfully completed any adaptation period, or passed any aptitude test, that he may be required to complete pursuant to that Part of those Regulations).]

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[^{F48}(1A) In the case of an exempt person to whom paragraph (1)(c) applies, who holds a qualification in nursing or midwifery which was granted otherwise than in a relevant European State, and has not previously been accepted by a relevant European State as qualifying him to practise as a nurse or midwife in that State, that qualification shall not be regarded as an approved qualification unless the qualification—

- (a) is evidence of nursing training that meets, or under article 22(a) of the Directive (part-time training) is to be treated as meeting, the requirements of article 31 of the Directive (training of nurses responsible for general care), or
- (b) is evidence of training in midwifery that meets, or under article 22(a) of the Directive is to be treated as meeting, the requirements of article 40 of the Directive (training of midwives),

as the case may be.

(1B) In considering whether an exempt person to whom paragraph (1)(c) applies is to be regarded as having an approved qualification, the Council shall take into account—

- (a) if the person holds a qualification in nursing or midwifery which—
 - (i) was granted otherwise than in a relevant European State, but
 - (ii) has been accepted by a relevant European State, other than the United Kingdom, as qualifying him to practise as a nurse or midwife in that State (as the case may be), the acceptance of that qualification; and
 - (b) all other qualifications, knowledge or experience, wherever acquired, which are relevant to the determination of the application.]
- (2) The Council shall determine procedures to—
- (a) assess whether a qualification awarded outside the United Kingdom is of a comparable standard to a qualification mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) and it shall, where it sees fit, keep a list of qualifications which are of a comparable standard which it shall publish and keep under review; and
 - (b) assess other training or professional experience acquired outside the United Kingdom and to compare it, together with qualifications mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) where appropriate, with the standard of proficiency required for admission to any part of the register.

Textual Amendments

- F42** Arts. 13(b)-(f) substituted for art. 13(b)(c) (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **162(a)**
- F43** Word in art. 13(1)(d) substituted (18.1.2016) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **36**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F44** Words in art. 13(1)(d) omitted (18.1.2016) by virtue of The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **36**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F45** Word in art. 13(1)(e)(i) substituted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **62(2)** (with reg. 155)
- F46** Words in art. 13(1)(e)(ii) substituted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **62(3)(a)** (with reg. 155)
- F47** Word in art. 13(1)(e)(ii) substituted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **62(3)(b)** (with reg. 155)
- F48** Art. 13(1A)(1B) inserted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **162(b)**

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I27 Art. 13 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

EEA qualifications

14.—(1) For the purposes of article 13(1)(b) a qualification is one obtained [^{F49}in a relevant European State other than the United Kingdom], to which [^{F50}the Directive] applies and which the Privy Council has by order designated as being an approved qualification for the purposes of registration in the relevant part of the register.

(2) An order under paragraph (1) may provide—

(a) that a qualification is designated for the purposes of registration in a particular part of the register only if prescribed conditions required by [^{F51}the relevant provisions of the Directive] are fulfilled, and different conditions may be prescribed with respect to the same qualification for different [^{F52}circumstances.]

^{F53}(b)

^{F54}(3)

Textual Amendments

F49 Words in art. 14(1) substituted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **163(a)(i)**

F50 Words in art. 14(1) substituted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **163(a)(ii)**

F51 Words in art. 14(2)(a) substituted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **163(b)(i)**

F52 Word in art. 14(2)(a) substituted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **163(b)(ii)**

F53 Art. 14(2)(b) omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **163(c)**

F54 Art. 14(3) omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **163(c)**

Commencement Information

I28 Art. 14 in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

I29 Art. 14 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

PART IV

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Education and training

15.—(1) The Council shall from time to time establish—

(a) the standards of education and training necessary to achieve the standards of proficiency it has established under article 5(2); and

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- (b) the requirements to be satisfied for admission to, and continued participation in, such education and training which may include requirements as to good health and good character.
- (2) So far as is necessary to implement the requirements [^{F55}of article 31 (training of nurses responsible for general care) and article 40 (training of midwives) of the Directive], the standards and requirements established under paragraph (1) shall be set out in rules made by the Council.
- (3) The standards mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) shall include such matters as the outcomes to be achieved by that education and training.
- (4) Before establishing the requirements referred to in paragraph (1) the Council shall consult such of those persons mentioned in article 3(14) as it considers appropriate.
- (5) The Council shall—
- (a) ensure that universities and other bodies in the United Kingdom concerned with such education and training are notified of the standards and requirements established under paragraph (1); and
 - (b) take appropriate steps to satisfy itself that those standards and requirements are met.
- (6) In performing the function mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) the Council may in particular, approve, or arrange with others to approve—
- (a) a course of education or training which the Council is satisfied confers or would confer on persons completing it successfully the standards of proficiency mentioned in paragraph (1);
 - (b) qualifications which are granted following success in an examination, or some other appropriate assessment, taken as part of an approved course of education or training;
 - (c) institutions which the Council considers to be properly organised and equipped for conducting the whole or part of an approved course of education or training;
 - (d) such tests of competence or knowledge of English as it may require.
- (7) In connection with paragraph (6), the Council may approve or arrange with others to approve a course of education or training run outside the United Kingdom by an institution to which paragraph (6)(c) applies.
- (8) The Council shall from time to time publish a statement of the criteria which will be taken into account in deciding whether to give approval under paragraph (6).
- (9) The Council shall maintain and publish a list of the courses of education or training, qualifications and institutions—
- (a) which are for the time being approved under this Order; or
 - (b) which have been approved under this Order but which are no longer so approved, together with a record of the periods in respect of which they were approved.
- (10) In this article a reference to education or training includes any course of education or training or test referred to in paragraph (6).

Textual Amendments

F55 Words in art. 15(2) substituted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), 164

Commencement Information

I30 Art. 15(2)(4) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

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I31 Art. 15 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Visitors

16.—(1) The Council may appoint persons (“visitors”) to visit any place at which or institution by which or under whose direction—

- (a) any relevant course of education or training is, or is proposed to be, given;
- (b) any examination or other assessment is, or is proposed to be, held in connection with any such course;
- (c) any test of competence is, or is proposed to be, conducted in connection with any such course or for any other purposes connected with this Order.

(2) For the purposes of this article and article 18, the words “any test of competence” includes an assessment to establish the level of a person’s knowledge of written or spoken English.

(3) In this article, “relevant course of education or training” means any course of education or training which forms, or is intended to form, part of an approved course of education or training or any course which a registrant may be required to undergo after registration in accordance with rules made by the Council.

(4) No visitor may exercise his functions under this Order in relation to—

- (a) any place at which he regularly gives instruction in any subject; or
- (b) any institution with which he has a significant connection.

(5) A person shall not be prevented from being a visitor merely because he is—

- (a) a member of the Council or any of its committees; or
- (b) a Screener,

but no person may be a visitor if he is employed by the Council.

(6) Visitors shall be selected with due regard to the profession with which the education and training they are to report on is concerned and at least one of the visitors shall be registered in that part of the register which relates to that profession.

(7) Where a visitor visits any place or institution in the exercise of his functions under this article, he shall report to the Council—

- (a) on the nature and quality of the instruction given, or to be given, and the facilities provided or to be provided, at that place or by that institution; and
- (b) on such other matters (if any) as it requires.

(8) Requirements of the kind mentioned in paragraph (7)(b) may be imposed by the Council—

- (a) generally in relation to all visits made to a specified kind of place or institution or in respect of a specified type of course; or
- (b) specifically in relation to a particular visit.

(9) Where a visitor reports to the Council in accordance with paragraph (7), the Council shall on receipt of the report—

- (a) send a copy of it to the institution concerned; and
- (b) notify that institution of the period within which it may make observations on the report.

(10) The period specified by the Council in a notice given under sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (9) shall be not less than one month beginning with the date on which a copy of the report is sent to the institution concerned under sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (9).

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(11) The Council shall not take any steps in the light of any report made under paragraph (7) before the end of the specified period mentioned in paragraph (10).

(12) The Council shall publish such reports together with, on the request of the institution concerned, the response of that institution to the report.

(13) The Council may make such provision in respect of visitors as it may determine—

- (a) for the payment of fees and allowances, including the payment of allowances to employers of visitors for the purposes of enabling visitors to perform functions under this article;
- (b) for the reimbursement of such expenses as visitors may reasonably have incurred in the course of carrying out their functions under this article.

Commencement Information

I32 [Art. 16](#) in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Information to be given by institutions

17.—(1) This article applies to any institution in the United Kingdom by which, or under whose direction, whether inside or outside the United Kingdom—

- (a) any relevant course of education or training is, or is proposed to be, given; or
- (b) any test of competence is, or is proposed to be, conducted in connection with any such course or for any other purpose connected with this Order.

(2) In paragraph (1) “relevant course of education or training” has the same meaning as in article 16(3).

(3) Whenever required to do so by the Council, any such institution shall give to the Council such information and assistance as the Council may reasonably require in connection with the exercise of its functions under this Order.

(4) Where an institution refuses any reasonable request for information made by the Council under this article, the Council may in accordance with article 18 refuse to approve, or withdraw approval from, as the case may be, any education, training, qualification or institution to which the information relates.

(5) In this article a reference to education or training includes any course of education or training or test referred to in article 15(6).

Commencement Information

I33 [Art. 17](#) in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Refusal or withdrawal of approval of courses, qualifications and institutions

18.—(1) Where as a result of any visitor’s report or other information acquired by the Council and taking account of the observations received from the institution under article 16(9), the Council is of the opinion that the standards established under article 15(1) are not, or will not be, met by particular education or training or that an institution is not observing the requirements referred to in article 15(1) it may refuse to approve, or withdraw approval from, as the case may be, any education, training, qualification or institution to which that opinion relates.

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(2) In this article a reference to education or training includes any course of education or training or test referred to in article 15(6).

(3) In making any decision under paragraph (1) to refuse or to withdraw approval the Council shall act in accordance with this article.

(4) The Council shall—

- (a) notify the institution concerned, setting out its reasons; and
- (b) inform the institution of the period within which it may make observations on the matters raised, which shall be not less than one month beginning with the date on which the reasons are sent to the institution under sub-paragraph (a).

(5) The Council shall take no further steps before the period specified in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (4) has expired.

(6) If, taking account of the matters referred to in paragraph (1) and any observations submitted by the institution under paragraph (4), the Council decides that it is appropriate to refuse or withdraw approval under paragraph (1) it shall notify the institution accordingly.

(7) A decision under paragraph (6) shall have effect from the date of the decision or from such later date as may be specified in the decision.

(8) Where approval is withdrawn under this article, the Council shall use its best endeavours to secure that any person who is undertaking the education or training concerned or is studying for the qualification concerned or is studying at the institution concerned at the time when recognition is withdrawn is given the opportunity to follow approved education or training or to study for an approved qualification or at an approved institution.

(9) The withdrawal under this article of approval from any education or training, qualification or institution shall not affect the entitlement of any person to be registered on the basis of an award to him, before the date on which the decision withdrawing approval had effect, of—

- (a) the qualification concerned; or
- (b) any qualification awarded—
 - (i) in connection with any education or training, or
 - (ii) by an institution

from which approval has been withdrawn.

Commencement Information

I34 [Art. 18](#) in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Post-registration training

19.—(1) The Council may make rules requiring registrants to undertake such continuing professional development as it shall specify in standards.

(2) The rules may, in particular, make provision with respect to registrants who fail to comply with any requirements of the rules, including making provision for their registration to cease to have effect.

[^{F56}(2A) Paragraphs (1) and (2), so far as relating to a person (“P”) who is a registrant only as a result of being a visiting nurse or midwife from a relevant European State, have effect subject to, respectively, paragraphs (2B) and (2C).

(2B) Rules made under paragraph (1)—

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- (a) may not impose requirements on P if P is required to undertake, in P's home State, continuing professional development in relation to the profession of nursing or midwifery (as the case may be); and
- (b) where they impose requirements on P—
 - (i) shall take account of the fact that P is fully qualified to pursue that profession in P's home State, and
 - (ii) shall specify that continuing professional development which P is required to undertake by the requirements may be undertaken outside the United Kingdom.

(2C) Where rules make provision such as is mentioned in paragraph (2), the rules must secure that any sanction imposed in relation to P by or under that provision is appropriate and proportionate in view of P's continued lawful establishment in P's home State as a nurse or midwife (as the case may be).

(2D) In paragraphs (2B) and (2C) “home State”, in relation to P, means the relevant European State in which P is lawfully established as a nurse or midwife (as the case may be).]

(3) The Council may by rules require persons who have not practised or who have not practised for or during a prescribed period, to undertake such education or training or to gain such experience as it shall specify in standards.

(4) If the Council makes rules under paragraph (1) or (3), it shall establish the standards to be met in relation to—

- (a) continuing professional development;
- (b) the education or training mentioned in paragraph (3),

and article 15(3) to (9) and articles 16 to 18 of this Order shall apply in respect of those standards as if they were standards established under article 15(1)(a).

(5) In the articles mentioned in paragraph (4), references to “education and training” shall, for the purposes of that paragraph, be treated as being to education, training or experience.

(6) In respect of additional qualifications which may be recorded on the register the Council may establish standards of education and training and article 15(3) to (9) and articles 16 to 18 shall apply in respect of those standards as if they were standards established under article 15(1)(a).

Textual Amendments

F56 [Art. 19\(2A\)-\(2D\)](#) inserted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **165**

Commencement Information

I35 [Art. 19\(1\)\(2\)\(3\)](#) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

I36 [Art. 19](#) in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Wales

20. The National Assembly for Wales may create or designate a body with which the Council may enter into any such arrangements as are referred to in article 15(6) of this Order in order to perform its function under article 15(5)(b) in respect of the standards established under article 15(1) or 19(4) or (6).

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- I37** [Art. 20](#) in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

PART V

FITNESS TO PRACTISE

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [Pt. V](#) applied (with modifications) (1.8.2004) by [The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 \(Transitional Provisions\) Order of Council 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1762\)](#), arts. 1(1), [7\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- C2** [Pt. V](#) applied (with modifications) (1.8.2004) by [The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 \(Transitional Provisions\) Order of Council 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1762\)](#), arts. 1(1), [6\(b\)](#)

Council's functions in respect of fitness to practise, ethics and other matters

21.—(1) The Council shall—

- (a) establish and keep under review the standards of conduct, performance and ethics expected of registrants and prospective registrants and give them such guidance on these matters as it sees fit; and
- (b) establish and keep under review effective arrangements to protect the public from persons whose fitness to practise is impaired.

(2) The Council may also from time to time give guidance to registrants, employers and such other persons as it thinks appropriate in respect of standards for the education and training, supervision and performance of persons who provide services in connection with those provided by registrants.

(3) Before establishing any ^{F57}... arrangements mentioned in paragraph (1), the Council shall consult ^{F57}... the persons mentioned in article 3(14).

Textual Amendments

- F57** Words in [art. 21\(3\)](#) omitted (14.5.2009) by virtue of [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1182\)](#), art. 1(2)(e), [Sch. 4 para. 38\(c\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I38** [Art. 21\(3\)](#) in force at 7.7.2003 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56984, published 27.6.2003), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I39** [Art. 21](#) in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Allegations

22.—(1) This article applies where any allegation is made against a registrant to the effect that—

- (a) his fitness to practise is impaired by reason of—
 - (i) misconduct,

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- (ii) lack of competence,
 - (iii) a conviction or caution in the United Kingdom for a criminal offence, or a conviction elsewhere for an offence which, if committed in England and Wales, would constitute a criminal offence,
 - (iv) his physical or mental health, or
 - [^{F58}(iva) not having the necessary knowledge of English,]
 - (v) a determination by a body in the United Kingdom responsible under any enactment for the regulation of a health or social care profession to the effect that his fitness to practise is impaired, or a determination by a licensing body elsewhere to the same effect;
- (b) an entry in the register relating to him has been fraudulently procured or incorrectly made.
- (2) For the purposes of this article references to a conviction include a conviction by a Court Martial.
- (3) This article is not prevented from applying because the allegation is based on a matter alleged to have occurred outside the United Kingdom or at a time when the person against whom the allegation is made was not registered.
- (4) Rules may provide that where [^{F59}the Fitness to Practise Committee] finds that a person has failed to comply with the standards mentioned in article 21(1), such failure shall not be taken of itself to establish that his fitness to practise is impaired, but may be taken into account in any proceedings under this Order.
- (5) When an allegation is made to the Council or any of its committees, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of the allegation in the form required by the Council, the Council shall refer it—
- (a) where it is an allegation of the kind mentioned in paragraph (1)(b), to the Investigating Committee; and
 - (b) in any other case—
 - (i) to persons appointed by the Council in accordance with any rules made under article 23, or
 - (ii) to a Practice Committee.
- (6) If an allegation is not made under paragraph (1) but it appears to the Council that there should be an investigation into the fitness to practise of a registrant or into his entry in the register it may refer the matter in accordance with paragraph (5) and this Order shall apply as if it were an allegation made under paragraph (1).
- ^{F60}(7)
- (8) While the registration of a registrant is suspended by virtue of a suspension order or an interim suspension order he shall be treated as not being registered notwithstanding that his name still appears in the register but this does not prevent action being taken in respect of such a person as appropriate under articles 22 to 32 of this Order.
- (9) The Council shall publish as soon as reasonably practicable particulars of any orders and decisions made by a Practice Committee under article [^{F61}26(5A), (7) or (12)], 29(5), 30(1), (2), (4), (6), (7) or (8) or 33 [^{F62}and of any warning issued under article 26(7A)(a)] and of its reasons for them and of any decision given on appeal.
- (10) The Council may disclose to any person any information relating to a person's fitness to practise which it considers it to be in the public interest to disclose.

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(11) In this Part “the person concerned” means the person against whom an allegation has been made.

[^{F63}(12) The Council may withhold from publication under paragraph (9), information concerning the physical or mental health of a person which the Council considers to be confidential.]

Textual Amendments

- F58** Art. 22(1)(a)(iva) inserted (18.1.2016) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Knowledge of English\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/806\)](#), arts. 1(3), **37**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F59** Words in art. 22(4) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 2(a)** (with art. 3)
- F60** Art. 22(7) omitted (31.3.2017) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 2(b)** (with art. 3)
- F61** Words in art. 22(9) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 2(c)(i)** (with art. 3)
- F62** Words in art. 22(9) inserted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 2(c)(ii)** (with art. 3)
- F63** Art. 22(12) inserted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 2(d)** (with art. 3)

Commencement Information

- I40** Art. 22(4) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I41** Art. 22 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Screeners

23.—(1) The Council may by rules provide for the appointment of persons, to be known as Screeners, to whom allegations may be referred in accordance with this Order or rules made under it.

- (2) A person shall not be prevented from being a Screener merely because he is—
- a member of the Council or any of its committees, other than a Practice Committee; or
 - a visitor.
- (3) No person may be a Screener if he is—
- a member of a Practice Committee;
 - a legal, medical or registrant assessor; or
 - employed by the Council.

(4) No person may act as a Screener in respect of a particular case if he has been involved in that case in any other capacity.

Commencement Information

- I42** Art. 23(1) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I43** Art. 23 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

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Screeners: supplementary provisions

24.—(1) Any rules made under article 23 shall contain the provisions mentioned in paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) The rules made under article 23(1) shall provide that—

- (a) any matter referred to the Screeners shall be considered by a panel of at least two Screeners;
- (b) the panel shall include at least one lay person and one registrant selected with due regard to the professional field of the person concerned and to the matter under consideration;
- (c) the number of registrants on any panel may not exceed the number of lay persons.

(3) Any such rules shall give Screeners the functions—

- (a) of considering the allegation and establishing whether, in their opinion, power is given by this Order to deal with it if it proves to be well founded;
- (b) if in their opinion such power is given, of referring the matter together with a report of the result of their consideration to such Practice Committee as they see fit;
- (c) if in their opinion such power is not given, of closing the case, provided that—
 - (i) if there are two Screeners, the lay person agrees, or
 - (ii) if there are more than two Screeners, it is the decision of the majority,and if head (i) or (ii), as the case may be, is not satisfied, of referring the matter in accordance with sub-paragraph (b);
- (d) where requested to do so by [^{F64}a Practice Committee], of mediating in any case with the aim of dealing with the allegation without it being necessary for the case to reach the stage at which the [^{F65}Fitness to Practise Committee] would arrange a hearing in accordance with article 32(2)(f);
- (e) in the event that mediation fails, of referring the matter back to the Practice Committee which referred it to the Screeners.

(4) The Council may make such provision in respect of Screeners as it may determine—

- (a) for the payment of fees and allowances, including the payment of allowances to employers of Screeners for the purpose of enabling Screeners to perform their functions under this Order; and
- (b) for the reimbursement of such expenses as the Screeners may reasonably have incurred in the course of carrying out their functions under this Order.

(5) If the Screeners decide that power is not given by this Order to deal with the allegation the Registrar shall inform the person making the allegation giving reasons.

Textual Amendments

F64 Words in art. 24(3)(d) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), [Sch. 1 para. 3\(a\)](#) (with art. 3)

F65 Words in art. 24(3)(d) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), [Sch. 1 para. 3\(b\)](#) (with art. 3)

Commencement Information

I44 [Art. 24\(1\)\(3\)](#) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

I45 [Art. 24](#) in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

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Council's power to require disclosure of information

25.—(1) For the purpose of assisting [^{F66}the Council [^{F67}, any of its Practice Committees, the Registrar or any other officer of the Council] in] carrying out functions in respect of fitness to practise, a person authorised by [^{F66}the Council] may require any person (other than the person concerned) who in his opinion is able to supply information or produce any document which appears relevant to the discharge of any such function, to supply such information or produce such a document.

(2) As soon as is reasonably practicable after a decision has been made under article 22(5) or (6) to refer an allegation or other matter to a Practice Committee, the Council shall require, from the person concerned, details of—

(a) any person—

(i) by whom he is employed to provide services in, or in relation to, nursing or midwifery; or

(ii) with whom he has an arrangement to provide such services; and

(b) any body by which he is authorised to practise, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, a health or social care profession which is regulated under any enactment.

(3) Nothing in this article shall require or permit any disclosure of information which is prohibited by or under any other enactment.

(4) But where information is held in a form in which the prohibition operates because the information is capable of identifying an individual, the person referred to in paragraph (1) may, in exercising his functions under that paragraph, require that the information be put into a form which is not capable of identifying that individual.

(5) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in relation to the supplying of information or the production of any document which a person could not be compelled to supply or produce in civil proceedings in any court to which an appeal would lie from a decision of [^{F68}a Practice Committee with regard to the person concerned].

(6) For the purposes of paragraph (5), “enactment” includes an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament.

Textual Amendments

F66 Words in art. 25(1) substituted (14.5.2009) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1182\)](#), art. 1(2)(e), [Sch. 4 para. 38\(d\)\(i\)](#)

F67 Words in art. 25(1) substituted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, 4

F68 Words in art. 25(5) substituted (14.5.2009) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1182\)](#), art. 1(2)(e), [Sch. 4 para. 38\(d\)\(ii\)](#)

Commencement Information

I46 [Art. 25](#) in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

The Investigating Committee

26.—(1) The Investigating Committee shall investigate any allegation which is referred to it in accordance with article 22 or 24.

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- (2) Where an allegation is referred to the Investigating Committee^{F69}...—
- [^{F70}(a) the Council shall without delay notify the person concerned of the allegation and invite him to submit written representations to the [^{F71}Investigating] Committee within a prescribed period;]
- (b) [^{F72}the [^{F73}Investigating] Committee shall] where it sees fit, notify the person making the allegation of the representations mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) and invite him to deal within a specified period with any points raised by the [^{F73}Investigating] Committee in respect of those representations;
- (c) [^{F74}the [^{F75}Investigating] Committee shall] take such other steps as are reasonably practicable to obtain as much information as possible about the case;
- (d) [^{F76}the [^{F77}Investigating] Committee shall] consider, in the light of the information which it has been able to obtain and any representations or other observations made to it under sub-paragraph (a) or (b), whether in its opinion—
- (i) in respect of an allegation of the kind mentioned in article 22(1)(a), there is a case to answer, and
 - (ii) in respect of an allegation of the kind mentioned in article 22(1)(b), whether the entry concerned has been fraudulently procured or incorrectly made.
- (3) The Council shall by rules make provision as to the procedure to be followed by the Investigating Committee in any investigation carried out by it under this article.
- (4) In the case of an allegation of the kind mentioned in article 22(1)(b) the rules shall, in particular, make similar provision to that made by virtue of article 32(2)(b), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (m), (n), (o) and (p) and may provide for the Registrar to be made a party to the proceedings.
- (5) When the Investigating Committee reaches a decision under paragraph (2) as to whether—
- (a) there is a case to answer; or
 - (b) an entry in the register has been fraudulently procured or incorrectly made,
- it shall notify in writing both the person concerned and the person making the allegation, if any, of its decision, giving its reasons.
- [^{F78}(5A) Where the Investigating Committee has concluded under paragraph (2)(d)(i) that there is a case to answer, it may, at any time until the allegation is considered by the Fitness to Practise Committee, agree with the person concerned that that person is to comply with such undertakings as the Investigating Committee considers appropriate.
- (5B) Rules may make provision in connection with undertakings agreed under paragraph (5A) (including provision as to the actions which may be taken as a consequence of an undertaking being breached).]
- [^{F79}(6) Where the Investigating Committee concludes under paragraph (2)(d)(i) that there is a case to answer but it does not agree undertakings under paragraph (5A), it must—
- (a) undertake mediation; or
 - (b) refer the case—
 - (i) to Screeners for them to undertake mediation, or
 - (ii) to the Fitness to Practise Committee.]
- [^{F80}(6A) In deciding whether to act under [^{F81}paragraph (5A), (6)(a) or (b)(i)], the Investigating Committee (or any panel by which a function under that paragraph is exercisable as mentioned in paragraph 17(1A) of Schedule 1) must have regard to the over-arching objective of the Council under article 3(4) (read with article 3(4A)).]

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(7) In the case of an allegation of a kind mentioned in article 22(1)(b), if the Investigating Committee is satisfied that an entry in the register has been fraudulently procured or incorrectly made, it may make an order that the Registrar remove or amend the entry and shall notify the person concerned of his right of appeal under article 38.

[^{F82}(7A) If the Investigating Committee concludes under paragraph (2)(d)(i) that there is no case to answer, it may—

- (a) issue a warning to the person concerned; or
- (b) give advice to that person in connection with any matter arising during the investigation of the allegation.

(7B) If the Investigating Committee issues a warning or gives advice under paragraph (7A), it must include in the notification referred to in paragraph (5)—

- (a) details of that warning or advice;
- (b) its reasons for issuing the warning or giving the advice;
- (c) the period for which any warning will be published by the Council under article 22(9).]

(8) If the Investigating Committee concludes that there is no case to answer or that the relevant entry was not fraudulently procured or incorrectly made—

- (a) where requested to do so by the person concerned, it shall make a declaration to that effect, giving its reasons; and
- (b) in any other case and with the consent of the person concerned, may make such a declaration.

(9) For the purposes of paragraph (8), the publication of the decision mentioned in paragraph (5) together with the reasons for it may constitute such a declaration.

(10) No order made under paragraph (7) shall have effect—

- (a) before the expiry of the period within which an appeal against the order may be made; or
- (b) where an appeal against the order has been made, before the appeal is withdrawn or otherwise finally disposed of.

(11) The Investigating Committee may make an interim order in accordance with article 31 at the same time as making an order under paragraph (7) or at any time before [^{F83}or after] referring a case to the [^{F84}Fitness to Practise Committee] under paragraph (6) [^{F85}: but the Investigating Committee may only make an interim order after it has referred a case if the [^{F84}Fitness to Practise Committee] has not begun its consideration of the case].

(12) The Investigating Committee may review an order made under paragraph (7) if new evidence relevant to the order becomes available after the order has been made and may revoke that order if it considers that it should not have been made.

(13) Where the Investigating Committee makes an order under paragraph (7) or decides not to review such an order under paragraph (12) the person concerned may appeal to the appropriate Court and the provisions of article 38 shall apply to the appeal.

(14) Any such appeal must be brought before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which notice of the order or decision appealed against is served on the person concerned.

(15) On an appeal under this article, the Council shall be the respondent.

(16) An entry which has been restored to the register on an application for readmission or restoration being granted may be treated for the purposes of this article as having been fraudulently procured or incorrectly made if any previous entry from which the restored entry is derived was fraudulently procured or incorrectly made.

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Textual Amendments

- F69** Words in art. 26(2) omitted (11.12.2014) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **5(a)(i)**
- F70** Art. 26(2)(a) substituted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **5(a)(ii)**
- F71** Word in art. 26(2)(a) inserted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 4(a)** (with art. 3)
- F72** Words in art. 26(2)(b) inserted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **5(a)(iii)**
- F73** Word in art. 26(2)(b) inserted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 4(a)** (with art. 3)
- F74** Words in art. 26(2)(c) inserted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **5(a)(iii)**
- F75** Word in art. 26(2)(c) inserted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 4(a)** (with art. 3)
- F76** Words in art. 26(2)(d) inserted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **5(a)(iii)**
- F77** Word in art. 26(2)(d) inserted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 4(a)** (with art. 3)
- F78** Art. 26(5A)(5B) inserted (31.3.2017 for specified purposes, 28.7.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 4(b)** (with art. 3)
- F79** Art. 26(6) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 4(c)** (with art. 3)
- F80** Art. 26(6A) inserted (26.9.2016) by [Health and Social Care \(Safety and Quality\) Act 2015 \(c. 28\)](#), s. 6(4), **Sch. para. 5(3)**; S.I. 2016/906, reg. 2(b)
- F81** Words in art. 26(6A) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 4(d)** (with art. 3)
- F82** Art. 26(7A)(7B) inserted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 4(e)** (with art. 3)
- F83** Words in art. 26(11) inserted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **5(b)(i)**
- F84** Words in art. 26(11) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 4(f)** (with art. 3)
- F85** Words in art. 26(11) inserted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **5(b)(ii)**

Commencement Information

- I47** Art. 26(2)(a)(3)(4) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I48** Art. 26 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

[^{F86}Exercise of Investigating Committee functions by the Registrar or officers of the Council

- 26A.**—(1) The Council may by rules make provision for—
- (a) the Registrar; or
 - (b) any other officer of the Council,

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to exercise the functions of the Investigating Committee under [F87 paragraphs (1), (2)(b) to (d), (5), (5A), (6), (7A) and (8)] of article 26, whether generally or in relation to such classes of case as may be specified in the rules.

(2) Where, by virtue of paragraph (1), rules provide for the Registrar or any other officer of the Council to exercise the functions of the Investigating Committee under paragraph (6)(b)(ii) F88 ... of article 26, the referral of a case to the [F89 Fitness to Practise Committee] shall be deemed to have been made by the Investigating Committee.

Textual Amendments

F86 Arts. 26A-26C inserted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, 6

F87 Words in art. 26A(1) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 5(a)** (with art. 3)

F88 Words in art. 26A(2) omitted (28.7.2017) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 5(b)(i)** (with art. 3)

F89 Words in art. 26A(2) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 5(b)(ii)** (with art. 3)

Review of decisions by the Council

[F90 26B.—(1) The Council may review a decision—

- (a) that there is no case to answer made by the Investigating Committee under article 26(2)(d)(i);
- (b) that there is no case to answer made by the Registrar or any other officer of the Council pursuant to rules made under article 26A;
- (c) to agree undertakings with the person concerned made by the Investigating Committee under article 26(5A);
- (d) to agree undertakings with the person concerned made by the Registrar or any other officer of the Council pursuant to rules made under article 26A;
- (e) made pursuant to rules made under article 26(5B) that undertakings no longer apply and that the allegation must not be considered further.

(2) The Council may make rules in connection with carrying out reviews under paragraph (1).]

Textual Amendments

F86 Arts. 26A-26C inserted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, 6

F90 Art. 26B substituted (31.3.2017 for specified purposes, 28.7.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3)

Exercise of Council functions by the Registrar or officers of the Council

26C.—(1) The Council may make rules providing for—

- (a) the Registrar; or
- (b) any other officer of the Council,

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to exercise the functions of the Council under articles 22, 26(2)(a) and [F9126B(1)] whether generally or in relation to such classes of case as may be specified in the rules.

(2) Where, by virtue of paragraph (1), rules provide for the Registrar or any other officer of the Council to exercise the functions of the Council under article 22(5), the referral of a case to the [F92Fitness to Practise Committee] shall be deemed to have been made by the Council.]

Textual Amendments

- F86** Arts. 26A-26C inserted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, 6
- F91** Word in art. 26C(1) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 7(a)** (with art. 3)
- F92** Words in art. 26C(2) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 7(b)** (with art. 3)

[F93The Fitness to Practise Committee

26D. The Fitness to Practise Committee must consider—

- (a) an allegation referred to it by the Council, Screeners or the Investigating Committee; and
- (b) an application for restoration referred to it by the Registrar.]

Textual Amendments

- F93** Art. 26D inserted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 8** (with art. 3)

The Conduct and Competence Committee

^{F94}27.

Textual Amendments

- F94** Art. 27 omitted (28.7.2017) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 9** (with art. 3)

The Health Committee

^{F95}28.

Textual Amendments

- F95** Art. 28 omitted (28.7.2017) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 9** (with art. 3)

[F96Assessment of necessary knowledge of English

28A.—(1) The Council may make rules authorising the giving of directions by—

- (a) any of the Practice Committees;

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- (b) any other persons specified in the rules,
requiring the person concerned to undertake an examination or other assessment of that person's knowledge of English.
- (2) An examination or other assessment under paragraph (1) must be made in accordance with rules.
- (3) The rules must, in particular, provide for—
- (a) the procedures to be followed by such persons when directing the person concerned to undertake such an examination or other assessment;
 - (b) the person concerned who is required to undertake such an examination or other assessment to provide information in respect of that examination or assessment to such persons as may be prescribed under the rules;
 - (c) the information provided by virtue of sub-paragraph (b) to be disclosed to such persons as may be prescribed under the rules.
- (4) Rules under this article may make provision for the [^{F97}Fitness to Practise Committee] to draw such inferences as seem appropriate to it if a person fails—
- (a) to undergo an examination or other assessment by virtue of rules under paragraph (1); or
 - (b) to provide the information required by virtue of rules made under paragraph (3)(b).]

Textual Amendments

F96 Art. 28A inserted (19.10.2015) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Knowledge of English\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/806\)](#), arts. 1(3), **38**; [S.I. 2015/1451](#), art. 2(c)

F97 Words in art. 28A(4) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 10** (with art. 3)

[^{F98}Orders of the Fitness to Practise Committee]

- 29.—(1) If, having considered an allegation, [^{F99}the Fitness to Practise Committee] concludes that it is not well founded—
- (a) where requested to do so by the person concerned, it shall make a declaration to that effect giving its reasons; and
 - (b) in any other case and with the consent of the person concerned, may make such a declaration.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) the publication of the decision mentioned in article 32(2)(k) and the reasons for it may constitute such a declaration.
- (3) If, having considered an allegation, [^{F100}the Fitness to Practise Committee] concludes that it is well founded, it shall proceed in accordance with the remaining provisions of this article.
- (4) The Committee may—
- (a) refer the matter to Screeners for mediation or itself undertake mediation, or
 - (b) decide that it is not appropriate to take any further action.
- (5) Where a case does not fall within paragraph (4), the Committee shall—
- (a) make an order directing the Registrar to strike the person concerned off the register (a “striking-off order”);
 - (b) make an order directing the Registrar to suspend the registration of the person concerned for a specified period which shall not exceed one year (a “suspension order”);

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- (c) make an order imposing conditions with which the person concerned must comply for a specified period which shall not exceed three years (a “conditions of practice order”); or
- (d) caution the person concerned and make an order directing the Registrar to annotate the register accordingly for a specified period which shall be not less than one year and not more than five years (a “caution order”).

(6) A striking-off order may not be made in respect of an allegation of the kind mentioned in article 22(1)(a) [^{F101}(ii), (iv) or (iva)] unless the person concerned has been continuously suspended, or subject to a conditions of practice order, for a period of no less than two years immediately preceding the date of the decision of the Committee to make such an order.

(7) The Committee may specify in an order made under paragraph (5) a period within which an application to vary, replace or revoke the order may not be made, which—

- (a) in the case of a striking-off order, except where new evidence relevant to the order becomes available, shall be expressed in terms of article 33(2);
- (b) in the case of a suspension order shall not exceed 10 months; and
- (c) in the case of a conditions of practice order shall not exceed two years.

(8) The Committee shall, when it makes, varies, replaces or revokes an order under this article or article 30 or when an order it has made ceases to have effect, give the Registrar such directions as are appropriate as to annotation of the register to record the decision made or, as the case may be, the expiry of the order;

[^{F102}(8A) If, at the time of making an order under paragraph (5)(b) or (c), the Fitness to Practise Committee is satisfied that, with effect from the date of the expiry of that order, it will not be necessary to—

- (a) extend the period of the order;
- (b) vary the order; or
- (c) make any other order falling within article 29(5),

the Committee may decide that article 30(1) does not apply to that order.]

(9) The person concerned may appeal to the appropriate court against an order made under paragraph (5) and article 38 shall apply to the appeal.

(10) Any such appeal must be brought before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which notice of the order or decision appealed against is served on the person concerned.

(11) No order mentioned in paragraph (9) shall have effect—

- (a) before the expiry of the period within which an appeal against the order may be made; or
- (b) where an appeal against the order has been made, before the appeal is withdrawn or otherwise finally disposed of.

Textual Amendments

- F98** Art. 29 heading substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 11(a)** (with art. 3)
- F99** Words in art. 29(1) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 11(b)** (with art. 3)
- F100** Words in art. 29(3) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 11(b)** (with art. 3)
- F101** Words in art. 29(6) substituted (18.1.2016) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Knowledge of English\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/806\)](#), arts. 1(3), **39**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F102** Art. 29(8A) inserted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 11(c)** (with art. 3)

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- C3** Art. 29 applied (1.8.2004) by The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 (Transitional Provisions) Order of Council 2004 (S.I. 2004/1762), arts. 1(1), **9(5)**, 11(3)(b)
- C4** Art. 29(4)(5) applied (1.8.2004) by The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 (Transitional Provisions) Order of Council 2004 (S.I. 2004/1762), arts. 1(1), **6(b)**
- C5** Art. 29(4)(5) applied (1.8.2004) by The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 (Transitional Provisions) Order of Council 2004 (S.I. 2004/1762), arts. 1(1), **7(4)(b)**

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- I49** Art. 29 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

[^{F103}Review of orders by the Fitness to Practise Committee]

30.—(1) [^{F104}Except where article 29(8A) applies,] before the expiry of an order made under article 29(5)(b) or (c) [^{F105}, the Fitness to Practise Committee] shall review the order and may, subject to paragraph (5)—

(a) with effect from the date on which the order would, but for this provision, have expired, extend, or further extend the period for which the order has effect;

[^{F106}(b) with effect from the expiry of that order, and subject to article 29(6) and (7), make an order falling within article 29(5);]

(c) with effect from the expiry of a suspension order, make a conditions of practice order with which the practitioner must comply if he resumes the practice of his registered profession after the end of his period of suspension.

[^{F107}(2) On the application of the person concerned or otherwise, at any time an order made by the Fitness to Practise Committee under article 29(5)(b) to (d) is in force, the Fitness to Practise Committee may review the order and may take any of the steps referred to in paragraph (4).]

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) apply to an order made on a review under paragraph (1) or (2) as they do to an order made under article 29(5)(b) to (d).

(4) The steps mentioned in paragraph (2) are for the Committee to—

(a) confirm the order;

(b) extend, or further extend, the period for which the order has effect;

(c) reduce the period for which the order has effect, but in the case of a caution order not so that it has effect for less than one year beginning with the date on which the order was made under article 29(5)(d);

[^{F108}(d) subject to article 29(6) and (7), replace the order with one falling within article 29(5): any replacement order falling within article 29(5)(b), (c) or (d) shall have effect for the remainder of the term of the order it replaces;]

(e) subject to paragraph (6), revoke the order or revoke any condition imposed by the order;

(f) vary any condition imposed by the order.

(5) The Committee may not extend a conditions of practice order by more than three years at a time or a suspension order by more than one year at a time.

(6) The Committee may make the revocation of a suspension order subject to the applicant's satisfying such requirements as to additional education or training and experience as the Council has established under article 19(3) and which apply to him.

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(7) Where new evidence relevant to a striking-off order becomes available after the making of the order, the [F109Fitness to Practise Committee] may review it and article 33(4) to (8) shall apply as if it were an application for restoration made under that article.

(8) A striking-off order, conditions of practice order, suspension order or caution order which is in force by virtue of a decision made on appeal to the appropriate court may be reviewed in accordance with paragraph (2) or (7), as the case may be, by the [F110Fitness to Practise Committee] and any of the steps mentioned in paragraph (4) may be taken.

(9) Before exercising its powers under paragraph (1), (2), (4), (6), (7) or (8) [F111the Fitness to Practise Committee] shall give the person concerned the opportunity to appear before it and to argue his case in accordance with rules made by the Council which shall include the matters referred to in article 32(2)(b), (g), (i), (j), (k), (m), (n) and (o).

(10) The person concerned may appeal to the appropriate court against an order or decision made under paragraph (1), (2), (4), (6), (7) or (8).

(11) Any such appeal must be brought before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which notice of the order or decision appealed against is served on the person concerned.

(12) On an appeal under this article the Council shall be the respondent.

Textual Amendments

- F103** Art. 30 heading substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 12(a)** (with art. 3)
- F104** Words in art. 30(1) inserted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 12(b)(i)** (with art. 3)
- F105** Words in art. 30(1) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 12(b)(ii)** (with art. 3)
- F106** Art. 30(1)(b) substituted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **7(a)**
- F107** Art. 30(2) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 12(c)** (with art. 3)
- F108** Art. 30(4)(d) substituted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **7(b)**
- F109** Words in art. 30(7) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 12(d)** (with art. 3)
- F110** Words in art. 30(8) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 12(e)** (with art. 3)
- F111** Words in art. 30(9) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 12(f)** (with art. 3)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** Art. 30 applied (1.8.2004) by [The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 \(Transitional Provisions\) Order of Council 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1762\)](#), arts. 1(1), **9(5)**, 10(2), 11(3)(b)

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- I50** Art. 30(9) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I51** Art. 30 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

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Interim Orders by a Practice Committee

31.—(1) This article applies where—

- (a) an allegation against a registered professional has been referred to [^{F112}a Practice Committee] but—
 - (i) that Committee has not reached a decision on the matter; or
 - (ii) in a case to which article 26(6) applies, where the Investigating Committee refers the matter to [^{F113}the Fitness to Practise Committee];
- (b) the Investigating Committee makes an order under article 26(7), or
- (c) the [^{F114}Fitness to Practise Committee] makes an order under article 29(5)(a) to (c).

(2) ^{F115}... If the [^{F116}Practice] Committee is satisfied that it is necessary for the protection of members of the public or is otherwise in the public interest, or is in the interests of the person concerned, for the registration of that person to be suspended or to be made subject to conditions, it may—

- (a) make an order directing the Registrar to suspend the person’s registration (an “interim suspension order”), or
- (b) make an order imposing conditions with which the person must comply (an “interim conditions of practice order”),

during such period not exceeding eighteen months as may be specified in the order.

(3) In a case coming within paragraph (1)(b) or (c), such an order may be made at the same time as an order made under article 26(7) or 29(5)(a) to (c).

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(5) Subject to paragraphs (6), (7), (9) and (12) the order mentioned in paragraph (2) shall cease to have effect—

- [^{F118}(a) in a case falling within paragraph (1)(a)—
 - (i) when the Investigating Committee reaches a decision under article 26(2)(d)(i) that there is no case to answer,
 - (ii) when the Investigating Committee agrees undertakings with the person concerned under article 26(5A),
 - (iii) where in respect of an allegation mentioned in article 22(1)(b), the Investigating Committee reaches a decision in respect of the allegation,
 - (iv) when the Fitness to Practise Committee reaches a decision in respect of the allegation in question;]
- (b) in a case falling within paragraph (1)(b) or (c)—
 - (i) if there is no appeal against the order mentioned in that paragraph, when the period for appealing expires, or
 - (ii) if there is an appeal against that order, when the appeal is withdrawn or otherwise finally disposed of.

[^{F119}(6) In a case falling within paragraph (1)(a), an order made under paragraph (2) must be reviewed by either the Committee which made the order or [^{F120}where the matter has been referred to the Fitness to Practise Committee by the Investigating Committee pursuant to article 26(6)(b)(ii), by the Fitness to Practise Committee]—

- (a) within the period of six months beginning on the date on which the order was made, and that Committee must thereafter, for so long as the order continues in force, further review

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it before the end of the period of [^{F121}six months] beginning on the date of the decision of the immediately preceding review;

- (b) where new evidence relevant to the order has become available after the making of the order.]

(7) Where an interim suspension order or an interim conditions of practice order has been made under this article (including this paragraph) [^{F122}then either] the Practice Committee which made the order [^{F123}or, if the matter has been referred to the Fitness to Practise Committee by the Investigating Committee pursuant to article 26(6)(b)(ii), the Fitness to Practise Committee], ^{F124}... may, subject to paragraph (15)—

- (a) revoke the order or revoke any condition imposed by the order;
- (b) confirm the order;
- (c) vary any condition imposed by the order;
- (d) if satisfied that to do so is necessary for the protection of members of the public or is otherwise in the public interest, or is in the interests of the person concerned, replace an interim conditions of practice order with an interim suspension order having effect for the remainder of the term of the former;
- (e) if satisfied that the public interest, including the protection of members of the public, or the interests of the person concerned would be adequately served by an interim conditions of practice order, replace an interim suspension order with an interim conditions of practice order having effect for the remainder of the term of the former.

(8) The Council may apply to the court for an order made by a Practice Committee under paragraph (2) or (7) to be extended, and may apply again for further extensions.

[^{F125}(9) On such an application the court may—

- (a) extend (or further extend) for up to 12 months the period for which the order has effect;
- (b) replace an interim conditions of practice order with an interim suspension order having effect for the remainder of the term of the order as extended;
- (c) replace an interim suspension order with an interim conditions of practice order having effect for the remainder of the term of the order as extended.]

(10) In this article, references to an interim suspension order or interim conditions of practice order include such an order as so extended.

[^{F126}(11) For the purposes of paragraph (6), the first review—

- (a) after the extension of an order by the court pursuant to paragraph (9)(a) or after the replacement of an order by the court pursuant to paragraph (9)(b) or (c), must take place within the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the court extended that order or replaced the order, as the case may be;
- (b) after the replacement of an interim conditions of practice order or an interim suspension order by a Practice Committee pursuant to paragraph (7)(d) or, as the case may be, paragraph (7)(e), must take place within the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the replacement order was made.]

[^{F127}(12) Where an order has effect under paragraph (2), (7) or (9), the court may, on an application being made by the person concerned—

- (a) in the case of an interim suspension order—
- (i) terminate the suspension,
- (ii) replace the interim suspension order with an interim conditions of practice order;
- (b) in the case of an interim conditions of practice order—

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- (i) revoke or vary any condition imposed by the order,
- (ii) replace the interim conditions of practice order with an interim suspension order;
- (c) in either case, substitute for the period specified in the order (or in the order extending it) some other period which could have been specified in the order when it was made (or in the order extending it),

and the decision of the court under any application under this paragraph shall be final.]

(13) In this article “the court” has the same meaning as “the appropriate court” in article 38.

(14) The [^{F128}Practice] Committee shall notify the person concerned giving its reasons where it makes an order under paragraph (2) or any decision under paragraph (7) and shall notify him of his right to apply to the court.

(15) No order under paragraph (2) or (7)(c) to (e), or, in a case where paragraph (5)(b) applies, under paragraph (7)(b), shall be made by [^{F129}a Practice Committee] in respect of any person unless he has been afforded an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and being heard on the question whether such an order should be made in his case.

(16) At any such hearing, the person concerned shall be entitled to be represented whether by a legally qualified person or otherwise.

(17) The [^{F130}Practice] Committee shall when it makes, varies, replaces or revokes an order under this article or when an order it has made ceases to have effect, give the Registrar such directions as are appropriate as to annotation of the register to record the decision made or, as the case may be, the expiry of the order.

Textual Amendments

- F112** Words in art. 31(1)(a) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 13(a)(i)** (with art. 3)
- F113** Words in art. 31(1)(a)(ii) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 13(a)(ii)** (with art. 3)
- F114** Words in art. 31(1)(c) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 13(a)(iii)** (with art. 3)
- F115** Words in art. 31(2) omitted (11.12.2014) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **8(a)**
- F116** Word in art. 31(2) inserted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 13(b)** (with art. 3)
- F117** Art. 31(4) omitted (11.12.2014) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **8(b)**
- F118** Art. 31(5)(a) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 13(c)** (with art. 3)
- F119** Art. 31(6) substituted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **8(d)**
- F120** Words in art. 31(6) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 13(d)(i)** (with art. 3)
- F121** Words in art. 31(6)(a) substituted (31.3.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 13(d)(ii)** (with art. 3)
- F122** Words in art. 31(7) inserted (11.12.2014) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **8(e)(i)**
- F123** Words in art. 31(7) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 13(e)** (with art. 3)
- F124** Words in art. 31(7) omitted (11.12.2014) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3272\)](#), arts. 1, **8(e)(iii)**

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- F125** Art. 31(9) substituted (31.3.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 13(f)** (with art. 3)
- F126** Art. 31(11) substituted (31.3.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 13(g)** (with art. 3)
- F127** Art. 31(12) substituted (31.3.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 13(h)** (with art. 3)
- F128** Word in art. 31(14) inserted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 13(i)** (with art. 3)
- F129** Words in art. 31(15) substituted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 13(j)** (with art. 3)
- F130** Word in art. 31(17) inserted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 13(i)** (with art. 3)

Commencement Information

- I52** Art. 31 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

Investigation of allegations: procedural rules

32.—(1) The Council shall make rules as to the procedure to be followed by the [^{F131}Fitness to Practise Committee] in considering any allegation and before making an order under article 29(5).

(2) The rules shall, in particular, make provision—

- ^{F132}(a)
- (b) empowering [^{F133}the Fitness to Practise Committee], before it holds any hearing to which sub-paragraph (f) applies, where it considers that it would assist it in performing its functions, to hold a preliminary meeting in private attended by the parties and their representatives and any other person it thinks appropriate;
- (c) requiring the person concerned to be given notice of the allegation without delay;
- (d) giving the person concerned an opportunity to submit written representations within a prescribed period;
- (e) for the Committee, where it sees fit, to notify the person making the allegation of the representations provided under sub-paragraph (d) and to invite him to deal within a prescribed period with any points raised by the Committee in respect of those representations;
- (f) giving the person concerned an opportunity to put his case at a hearing if—
 - (i) before the end of the prescribed period, he asks for a hearing; or
 - (ii) the Committee considers that a hearing is desirable;
- (g) entitling the person concerned to be represented whether by a legally qualified person or otherwise at any such hearing;
- [^{F134}(h) where an allegation is referred by the Council, Screeners or the Investigating Committee to the Fitness to Practise Committee, for the Council to give notice of that referral to, where they are known, any person referred to in article 25(2);]
- (i) giving any person, other than the person concerned, who, in the opinion of the relevant Committee, taking account of any criteria included in the rules, has an interest in proceedings before it, the opportunity to submit written representations;
- (j) requiring a hearing before [^{F135}the Fitness to Practise Committee] to be held in public except in so far as may be provided by the rules;

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- (k) requiring the Committee to notify the person concerned of its decision, its reasons for reaching that decision and of his right of appeal;
- (l) requiring the person by whom the allegation was made to be notified by the Committee of its decision and of its reasons for reaching that decision;
- (m) empowering the Committee to require persons (other than the person concerned) to attend and give evidence or to produce documents;
- (n) about the admissibility of evidence;
- (o) enabling the Committee to administer oaths;
- (p) where the person concerned has been convicted of a criminal offence, for the conviction to be proved by the production of a certified copy of the certificate of conviction, or, in Scotland, an extract conviction, relating to the offence and for the findings of fact upon which the conviction is based to be admissible as proof of those facts.

(3) Each stage in proceedings under Part V and article 37 shall be dealt with expeditiously and the [F136Fitness to Practise Committee] may give directions as to the conduct of the case and for the consequences of failure to comply with such directions (which may include the making of an order or refusal of an application if the failure to comply was without reasonable excuse).

(4) The Council may provide in the rules for the [F137chair] of the [F138Fitness to Practise] Committee to hold the meeting referred to in paragraph (2)(b) or to give the directions mentioned in paragraph (3) and, subject to the agreement of the parties to his acting on behalf of the Committee, to take such action as the Committee would be competent to take at such a meeting.

(5) In this article “parties” means the Council and the person concerned.

Textual Amendments

- F131** Words in art. 32(1) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 14(a)** (with art. 3)
- F132** Art. 32(2)(a) omitted (28.7.2017) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 14(b)(i)** (with art. 3)
- F133** Words in art. 32(2)(b) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 14(b)(ii)** (with art. 3)
- F134** Art. 32(2)(h) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 14(b)(iii)** (with art. 3)
- F135** Words in art. 32(2)(j) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 14(b)(iv)** (with art. 3)
- F136** Words in art. 32(3) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 14(c)** (with art. 3)
- F137** Word in art. 32(4) substituted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 5**
- F138** Words in art. 32(4) inserted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 14(d)** (with art. 3)

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- I53** Art. 32 in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I54** Art. 32 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Restoration to the register of persons who have been struck off

33.—^[F139](1) Where a person has been struck off the register by virtue of an order made under article 29(5)(a), 30(1)(b) or 38(3)(c) and the person wishes to be restored to the register, that person must make an application for restoration to the Registrar.]

(2) Subject to article 30(7), no such application may be made—

- (a) before the end of the period of five years beginning with the date on which the order under ^[F140]article 29(5)(a), 30(1)(b) or 38(3)(c)] took effect; or
- (b) in any period of twelve months in which an application for restoration to the register has already been made by the person who has been struck off.

^[F141](3) An application for restoration must be referred by the Registrar to the Fitness to Practise Committee for determination.]

(4) Before making any decision on the application the Committee shall give the applicant an opportunity to appear before it and to argue his case in accordance with rules made by the Council which shall include the matters referred to in article 32(2)(b), (g), (i), (j), (k), (m), (n) and (o).

(5) The Committee shall not grant an application for restoration unless it is satisfied, on such evidence as it may require, that the applicant not only satisfies the requirements of article 9(2)(a) ^[F142], (b) and (ba)] but, having regard in particular to the circumstances which led to the making of the order under article 29, 30 or 38, is also a fit and proper person to practise the relevant profession.

(6) The Committee may make the granting of an application subject to the applicant satisfying such requirements as to additional education or training and experience as the Council has specified under article 19(3) and which apply to him.

(7) On granting an application for restoration, the Committee—

- (a) shall direct the Registrar to register the applicant in the relevant part of the register ^[F143]on his satisfying the Registrar as mentioned in article 10(4)(aa),] on his satisfying any requirements imposed under paragraph (6) and on payment of the prescribed fee; and
- (b) may make a conditions of practice order with respect to him.

(8) The provisions of article 29 shall have effect in relation to a conditions of practice order made under paragraph (7) as they have effect in relation to a conditions of practice order made under that article and article 30 shall apply as if the order made under paragraph (7) were an order made under article 29.

(9) If, while a striking-off order is in force, a second or subsequent application for restoration to the register, made by the person who has been struck off, is unsuccessful, the ^[F144]Fitness to Practise Committee] may direct that that person's right to make any further such applications shall be suspended indefinitely.

(10) A person in respect of whom a direction is made under paragraph (9) may, after the expiration of three years from the date on which the direction was made, apply to the Registrar for that direction to be reviewed and, thereafter, may make further applications for review but no such application may be made before the expiration of three years from the date of the most recent review decision.

(11) The Registrar shall refer an application made under paragraph (10) to the ^[F145]Fitness to Practise Committee for determination].

(12) A person whose application under paragraph (10) or whose application for restoration is refused or made subject to his satisfying requirements under paragraph (6) may appeal to the appropriate Court and article 38 shall apply to that appeal.

(13) The appeal must be brought before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which notice of the decision rejecting the application, or granting it but imposing conditions under paragraph (6), is served on the applicant.

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- F139** Art. 33(1) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 15(a)** (with art. 3)
- F140** Words in art. 33(2)(a) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 15(b)** (with art. 3)
- F141** Art. 33(3) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 15(c)** (with art. 3)
- F142** Words in art. 33(5) substituted (18.1.2016) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Knowledge of English\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/806\)](#), arts. 1(3), **40**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F143** Words in art. 33(7)(a) inserted (17.7.2014) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Indemnity Arrangements\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1887\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 27**
- F144** Words in art. 33(9) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 15(d)** (with art. 3)
- F145** Words in art. 33(11) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 15(e)** (with art. 3)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C7** Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (1.8.2004) by [The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 \(Transitional Provisions\) Order of Council 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1762\)](#), arts. 1(1), **8(2)(c)(3)**
- C8** Art. 33(9)-(11) applied (with modifications) (1.8.2004) by [The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 \(Transitional Provisions\) Order of Council 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1762\)](#), arts. 1(1), **9(6)**

Commencement Information

- I55** Art. 33(4)(7)(a) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I56** Art. 33 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Legal assessors

34.—(1) The Council shall appoint legal assessors.

(2) Legal assessors shall have the general function of giving advice to—

- (a) Screeners;
- (b) the Practice Committees;
- (c) the Registrar; or
- (d) the Council,

on questions of law arising in connection with any matter which any of those persons is considering under article 9 or 10, Part V or VI.

(3) They may at the request of the person mentioned in paragraph (2) assist in the drafting of any decision required by this Order to be issued under any of the provisions mentioned in that paragraph.

(4) They shall have such other functions as may be conferred on them by rules made by the Council.

(5) To be qualified for appointment as a legal assessor, a person must—

- (a) have a 10 year general qualification (within the meaning of section 71 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990); or
- (b) be an advocate or solicitor in Scotland of at least 10 years' standing; or
- (c) be a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland of at least 10 years' standing.

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- (6) No person shall be a legal assessor if he is—
 - (a) a member of the Council;
 - (b) a member of a Practice Committee;
 - (c) a Screener, visitor or medical or registrant assessor; or
 - (d) employed by the Council.
- (7) The Council may make such provision in respect of legal assessors as it may determine—
 - (a) for the payment of fees and allowances, including the payment of allowances to employers of legal assessors for the purposes of enabling legal assessors to perform functions under this article;
 - (b) for the reimbursement of such expenses as the legal assessors may reasonably have incurred in the course of carrying out their functions under this Order.

Commencement Information

- I57** [Art. 34\(4\)](#) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I58** [Art. 34](#) in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Medical assessors

- 35.**—(1) The Council may appoint registered medical practitioners to be medical assessors.
- (2) They shall have the general function of giving advice to—
 - (a) Screeners;
 - (b) the Practice Committees;
 - (c) the Registrar; or
 - (d) the Council,

on matters within their professional competence in connection with any matter which any of those persons is considering.

- (3) They shall also have such other functions as may be conferred on them by rules made by the Council.
- (4) No person shall be a medical assessor if he is—
 - (a) a member of the Council;
 - (b) a member of a Practice Committee;
 - (c) a Screener, visitor or legal or registrant assessor; or
 - (d) employed by the Council.
- (5) The Council may make such provision in respect of medical assessors as it may determine—
 - (a) for the payment of fees and allowances, including the payment of allowances to employers of medical assessors for the purposes of enabling medical assessors to perform functions under this article;
 - (b) for the reimbursement of such expenses as the medical assessors may reasonably have incurred in the course of carrying out their functions under this Order.

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Commencement Information

- I59** Art. 35(3) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I60** Art. 35 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Registrant assessors

36.—(1) The Council may appoint registered professionals as registrant assessors.

(2) They shall have the general function of giving advice to—

- (a) the Council;
- (b) the committees of the Council;
- (c) Screeners; or
- (d) the Registrar,

on matters of professional practice arising in connection with any matter which any of those persons is considering.

(3) The assessors shall also have such other functions as may be conferred on them by rules made by the Council.

(4) No person shall be a registrant assessor if he is—

- (a) a member of the Council;
- (b) a member of a Practice Committee;
- (c) a Screener, visitor or legal or medical assessor; or
- (d) employed by the Council.

(5) The Council may make such provision in respect of registrant assessors as it may determine—

- (a) for the payment of fees and allowances, including the payment of allowances to employers of registrant assessors for the purposes of enabling registrant assessors to perform functions under this article;
- (b) for the reimbursement of such expenses as the registrant assessors may reasonably have incurred in the course of carrying out their functions under this Order.

Commencement Information

- I61** Art. 36(3) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I62** Art. 36 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

PART VI

APPEALS

Appeals against Registrar's decisions

37.—(1) Where the Registrar [^{F146}or the Council]^{F147} ...—

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- [^{F148}(za) requires a person to undergo an examination or other assessment under article 5A(6)(a) because the Registrar is not satisfied that the person has the necessary knowledge of English;
- (zb) makes a decision for the purposes of article 9(3B)(a) that the Registrar is not satisfied that a person falls within article 13(1)(b), (c) or (e), and does not fall within article 13(1A);]
- (a) refuses an application for registration, readmission or renewal or for the inclusion of an additional entry;
- [^{F149}(aa) refuses to register a person under article 39A (visiting general systems nurses from relevant European States) or Schedule 2A (visiting midwives, and certain visiting nurses, from relevant European States);]
- [^{F150}(ab) removes the name of a registrant from the register on the grounds that the registrant has failed to satisfy the Registrar that there is in force in relation to the registrant appropriate cover under an indemnity arrangement;]
- (b) in determining an application under article 9 or 10, imposes additional conditions which must be satisfied before the applicant may be admitted to, readmitted to or retained on the register;
- (c) removes the name of a registrant from the register on the ground that he has breached a condition in respect of continuing professional development or such additional education, training or experience as is mentioned in article 19(3) subject to which his registration has effect; ^{F151} ...
- (d) fails, within the terms of article 9(6), to issue a decision,
- [^{F152}(e) requires an exempt person to complete an adaptation period, or pass an aptitude test, in connection with the person's entitlement to have access to, and to pursue, the profession of nurse or midwife in the United Kingdom, under Part 3 of the General Systems Regulations;
- (f) decides to send an alert about a person under regulation 67 of the General Systems Regulations;
- (g) decides to revoke a European professional card, or not to issue, extend or vary a European professional card, under Schedule 2B or under Part 4 of the General Systems Regulations; or
- (h) fails to make a decision in relation to a European professional card within the time limit under paragraph 10(4) or 12(4) of Schedule 2B or regulation 51(1) or 56(1) of the General Systems Regulations.]

the person aggrieved may appeal to the Council within the prescribed period.

[^{F153}(1A) Paragraph (1)(ab) does not apply where the removal is in consequence of a refusal of an application for renewal (including an application for readmission or restoration where registration has lapsed).]

(2) No appeal lies to the Council where the person aggrieved has been refused registration solely because he has failed to pay the prescribed fee for registration or has failed to apply in the prescribed form and manner in accordance with article 9 or 10.

[^{F154}(2A) No appeal lies to the Council where the Registrar has refused to make, or has removed, an annotation under article 6A.]

[^{F155}(2B) No appeal lies to the Council if the complaint of the person aggrieved is, in effect, that a provision of rules under article 7, 9, 10 or 12A is invalid.]

(3) No decision removing a registrant from the register against which an appeal to the Council may be made under paragraph (1) shall have effect before—

- (a) the expiry of the period within which such an appeal may be made; or

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- (b) if an appeal is made, the appeal is withdrawn or otherwise finally disposed of.
- (4) Any appeal shall be subject to such rules as the Council shall make for the purpose of regulating appeals under this article.
- (5) The rules shall in particular provide—
 - (a) for the quorum of the Council considering such an appeal;
 - (b) that the members considering the appeal are to include registrants and lay members and that the number of members who are registrants may exceed the number of lay members but may not exceed them by more than one;
 - (c) for a panel considering an appeal to consist of no fewer than three members who are to be selected with due regard to the matter under consideration and to include—
 - (i) one registrant registered in the same part of the register as the one in which the person concerned is, or is applying to be, registered; ^{F156}and]
 - ^{F157}(ii) a person who—
 - (aa) is not and never has been a registered nurse or midwife (and article 5(5) does not apply for these purposes),
 - (bb) is not and never has been a registered medical practitioner, and
 - (cc) does not hold qualifications which would entitle them to apply for registration as a registered nurse, a registered midwife or a registered medical practitioner; ^{F158}...]
 - ^{F159}(iii)
 - ^{F160}(d)
 - (e) that no one who has been involved in any other capacity in the case to be considered is to be a member of the panel;
 - (f) for the decision to be made by a majority vote of the persons present;
 - (g) in the event of a tie, for the ^{F161}chair] to have an additional casting vote which he shall exercise in the favour of the person concerned;
 - (h) for the Registrar to be made a party to the proceedings;
 - (i) for similar provision to be made to that in article 32(2)(b), (f), (g), (i), (j), (k), (m), (n) and (o).
- (6) Article 32(3) shall apply to appeals under this article as if a reference to ^{F162}the Fitness to Practise Committee] were to the Council.
- (7) Article 25, with the exception of paragraph (2), shall apply to appeals under this article as if a reference to a Practice Committee were to the Council.
- ^{F163}(8)
- (9) Having considered the appeal under this article, the Council may—
 - (a) dismiss the appeal;
 - (b) allow the appeal and quash the decision appealed against ^{F164}or, in the case of an appeal under paragraph (1)(f), direct that the alert be withdrawn or amended];
 - (c) substitute for the decision appealed against any other decision that the Registrar could have made; ^{F165}...
 - ^{F166}(ca) with respect to an appeal under paragraph (1)(h), enter any decision which could have been taken by the Council; or]
 - (d) remit the case to the Registrar to be disposed of in accordance with its directions.

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(10) The person concerned may appeal to a county court or, in Scotland, a sheriff against an unfavourable decision made under paragraph (9)(a), (c) or (d) and article 38 shall apply to that appeal.

(11) Subject to paragraph 12, the Council shall publish as soon as reasonably practicable a decision of the Council made under this article together with the reasons for it.

(12) If the decision is favourable to the person concerned, the Council is not required to publish it unless the person concerned so requests but it may do so with the consent of the person concerned.

Textual Amendments

- F146** Words in art. 37(1) inserted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **63(2)(a)** (with reg. 155)
- F147** Words in art. 37(1) omitted (18.11.2016) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **63(2)(b)** (with reg. 155)
- F148** Art. 37(1)(za)(zb) inserted (18.1.2016) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **41**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 4
- F149** Art. 37(1)(aa) inserted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **166**
- F150** Art. 37(1)(ab) inserted (17.7.2014) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Indemnity Arrangements) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1887), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 28(a)**
- F151** Word in art. 37(1)(c) omitted (18.11.2016) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **63(2)(c)** (with reg. 155)
- F152** Art. 37(1)(e)-(h) inserted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **63(2)(d)** (with reg. 155)
- F153** Art. 37(1A) inserted (17.7.2014) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Indemnity Arrangements) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1887), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 28(b)**
- F154** Art. 37(2A) inserted (12.6.2008) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), art. 1(2)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)**
- F155** Art. 37(2B) inserted (17.7.2014) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Indemnity Arrangements) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1887), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 28(c)**
- F156** Word in art. 37(5)(c)(i) inserted (11.12.2014) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3272), arts. 1, **9(a)**
- F157** Art. 37(5)(c)(ii) substituted (14.5.2009) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1182), art. 1(2)(e), **Sch. 4 para. 38(f)**
- F158** Word in art. 37(5)(c)(ii)(cc) omitted (11.12.2014) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3272), arts. 1, **9(b)**
- F159** Art. 37(5)(c)(iii) omitted (11.12.2014) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3272), arts. 1, **9(c)**
- F160** Art. 37(5)(d) omitted (11.12.2014) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3272), arts. 1, **9(e)**
- F161** Word in art. 37(5)(g) substituted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 6(b)**
- F162** Words in art. 37(6) substituted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 16(a)** (with art. 3)
- F163** Art. 37(8) omitted (31.3.2017) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 16(b)** (with art. 3)
- F164** Words in art. 37(9)(b) inserted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **63(3)** (with reg. 155)
- F165** Word in art. 37(9)(c) omitted (18.11.2016) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **63(4)** (with reg. 155)

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F166 Art. 37(9)(ca) inserted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **63(5)** (with reg. 155)

Commencement Information

I63 Art. 37(1)(4)(5) in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

I64 Art. 37 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

Appeals

38.—(1) An appeal from—

- (a) any order or decision of the [F167Fitness to Practise Committee] other than an interim order made under article 31, shall lie to the appropriate court; and
- (b) [F168a decision of the Council mentioned in paragraph (1A)] or of the Investigating Committee under article 26(7) or (12) shall lie to a county court or, in Scotland, to a sheriff.

[F169(1A) The decisions referred to in paragraph (1)(b) are—

- (a) any decision of the Council under article 37;

[F170(b)]

(2) In any appeal under this article the Council shall be the respondent.

(3) The Court or sheriff may—

- (a) dismiss the appeal;
- (b) allow the appeal and quash the decision appealed against [F171or, in the case of an appeal under article 37(1)(f), direct that the alert be withdrawn or amended];
- (c) substitute for the decision appealed against any other decision the [F172Fitness to Practise Committee] or the Council, as the case may be, could have made; F173 ...

[F174(ca) with respect to an appeal under paragraph (1)(h), enter any decision which could have been taken by the Council; or]

- (d) remit the case to the [F175Fitness to Practise Committee] or Council, as the case may be, to be disposed of in accordance with the directions of the court or sheriff,

and may make such order as to costs (or, in Scotland, expenses) as it, or he, as the case may be, thinks fit.

(4) In this article “the appropriate court” means—

- (a) in the case of a person whose registered address is (or, if he were registered, would be) in Scotland, the Court of Session;
- (b) in the case of a person whose registered address is (or, if he were registered, would be) in Northern Ireland, the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland; and
- (c) F176 ... in any other case, the High Court of Justice in England and Wales.

Textual Amendments

F167 Words in art. 38(1)(a) substituted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 17(a)** (with art. 3)

F168 Words in art. 38(1)(b) substituted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **167(a)**

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- F169** Art. 38(1A) inserted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **167(b)**
- F170** Art. 38(1A)(b) omitted (18.11.2016) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **64(2)** (with reg. 155)
- F171** Words in art. 38(3)(b) inserted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **64(3)** (with reg. 155)
- F172** Words in art. 38(3)(c) substituted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 17(b)** (with art. 3)
- F173** Word in art. 38(3)(c) omitted (18.11.2016) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **64(4)** (with reg. 155)
- F174** Art. 38(3)(ca) inserted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **64(5)** (with reg. 155)
- F175** Words in art. 38(3)(d) substituted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 17(b)** (with art. 3)
- F176** Words in art. 38(4)(c) omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **167(c)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C9** Art. 38 applied (with modifications) (1.8.2004) by The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 (Transitional Provisions) Order of Council 2004 (S.I. 2004/1762), arts. 1(1), **7(4)(b)**
- C10** Art. 38 applied (with modifications) (1.8.2004) by The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 (Transitional Provisions) Order of Council 2004 (S.I. 2004/1762), arts. 1(1), **6(b)**

Commencement Information

- I65** Art. 38 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

PART VII

EEA PROVISIONS

[^{F177}Visiting midwives, and certain visiting nurses, from relevant European States

39. Schedule 2A (visiting midwives, and certain visiting nurses, from relevant European States) shall have effect.]

Textual Amendments

- F177** Art. 39 substituted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **168**

Commencement Information

- I66** Art. 39 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

[^{F178}Visiting general systems nurses from relevant European States

39A.—(1) This article applies to an exempt person (“V”)—

- (a) who is lawfully established as a nurse in a relevant European State other than the United Kingdom (“State A”); and

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- (b) who seeks to provide, or is providing, nursing services in the United Kingdom of a kind which are provided, in the United Kingdom, by nurses admitted to—
- (i) sub-part 1 of the nurses' part of the register whose field of practice is mental health nursing, learning disabilities nursing or children's nursing, or
 - (ii) sub-part 2 of the nurses' part of the register.

(2) Paragraph (3) applies if V has the benefit of regulation [F179]12] of the General Systems Regulations in connection with the provision by V of nursing services in the United Kingdom on a temporary and occasional basis (V having complied with any requirements imposed under Part 2 of those Regulations in connection with the provision by V of nursing services).

(3) V is entitled to be registered in the appropriate part of the register; and the Registrar shall give effect to the entitlement.

(4) If V is entitled under paragraph (3) to be registered, but is not registered in the appropriate part of the register, V shall be treated as being registered in that part.

(5) V's entitlement under paragraph (3) ceases if V ceases, whether as a result of the operation of regulation [F180]24] of the General Systems Regulations or otherwise, to have the benefit of regulation [F181]12] of those Regulations in connection with the provision by V of nursing services in the United Kingdom on a temporary and occasional basis.

(6) If—

- (a) V's entitlement under paragraph (3) ceases by reason of the operation of paragraph (5), and
- (b) V is registered,

the Registrar may remove V's name from the register.

(7) Paragraph (8) applies if—

- (a) V's establishment in State A is subject to a condition relating to V's practice as a nurse,
- (b) V's name is registered in the appropriate part of the register, and
- (c) for any of the purposes of this Order it falls to be decided whether V's fitness to practise is or may be impaired on the ground of misconduct.

(8) The matters that may be counted as misconduct include (in particular) any act or omission by V during the course of the provision by V of nursing services in the United Kingdom on a temporary and occasional basis that is, or would be if the condition applied in relation to practice as a nurse outside State A, a breach of the condition.

(9) In paragraphs (7) and (8) “condition” includes limitation.

(10) Paragraphs (1) to (6) are not to be taken to prejudice the application, in relation to registrants, of any other provision of this Order under which a registered nurse's name may be removed from the register or under which a registered nurse's registration may be suspended.]

Textual Amendments

F178 Art. 39A inserted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **169**

F179 Word in art. 39A(2) substituted (18.11.2016) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1030\)](#), regs. 1, **65(2)** (with reg. 155)

F180 Word in art. 39A(5) substituted (18.11.2016) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1030\)](#), regs. 1, **65(3)(a)** (with reg. 155)

F181 Word in art. 39A(5) substituted (18.11.2016) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1030\)](#), regs. 1, **65(3)(b)** (with reg. 155)

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[^{F182}European professional card

39B.—(1) Schedule 2B of this Order (Directive [2005/36/EC](#): European professional card) has effect.

(2) The Council may charge a reasonable fee to cover the costs of processing an application for or in relation to a European professional card under Schedule 2B.]

Textual Amendments

F182 [Art. 39B](#) inserted (18.11.2016) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1030\)](#), regs. 1, **66** (with reg. 155)

[^{F183}The Directive: designation of competent authority etc.

40.—(1) The Council is designated as the competent authority in the United Kingdom for the purposes of the Directive so far as relating to the professions of nurse responsible for general care and midwife.

(2) Accordingly, the Council shall in the United Kingdom carry out (in particular) the functions specified in Schedule 3.

(3) The Council is designated as the competent authority in the United Kingdom for the award of—

- (a) evidence of formal qualifications of nurses responsible for general care listed in relation to the United Kingdom in Annex V, point 5.2.2 of the Directive; and
- (b) evidence of formal qualifications of midwives listed in relation to the United Kingdom in Annex V, point 5.5.2 of the Directive.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), the Secretary of State may give directions to the Council in connection with its functions specified in Schedule 3, and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with any such directions.

(5) Directions given under paragraph (4) may be as to matters of administration only.

(6) In Schedule 3—

“non-UK nursing qualification” means a nursing qualification that—

- (a) attests to satisfaction of the training conditions specified in article 31 of the Directive (training of nurses responsible for general care), and
- (b) is awarded to a person by a competent authority of a relevant European State other than the United Kingdom;

“non-UK midwifery qualification” means a midwifery qualification that is awarded to a person by a competent authority of a relevant European State other than the United Kingdom;

“UK nursing qualification” means a nursing qualification that—

- (a) attests to satisfaction of the training conditions specified in article 31 of the Directive, and
- (b) is awarded to a person by a competent authority in the United Kingdom;

“UK midwifery qualification” means a qualification that is awarded to a person by a competent authority in the United Kingdom.]

Textual Amendments

F183 [Art. 40](#) substituted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **170**

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Commencement Information

I67 [Art. 40](#) in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

F184
PART VIII
MIDWIFERY

Textual Amendments

F184 Pt. 8 omitted (31.3.2017) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)\(c\)\(d\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 18](#) (with [art. 3](#))

The Midwifery Committee

41.

Rules as to midwifery practice

42.

Local supervision of midwives

43.

PART IX
OFFENCES

Offences

44.—(1) A person commits an offence if with intent to deceive (whether expressly or by implication)—

- (a) he falsely represents himself to be registered in the register, or a particular part of it or to be the subject of any entry in the register;
- (b) he uses a title referred to in article 6(2) to which he is not entitled;
- (c) he falsely represents himself to possess qualifications in nursing or midwifery.

(2) A person commits an offence if—

- (a) with intent that any person shall be deceived (whether expressly or by implication) he causes or permits another person to make any representation about himself which, if made by himself with intent to deceive, would be an offence under paragraph (1); or
- (b) with intent to deceive, he makes with regard to another person any representation which—
 - (i) is false to his own knowledge, and
 - (ii) if made by the other person with that intent would be an offence by him under paragraph (1).

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(3) A person who fraudulently procures, or tries to procure, the making, amendment, removal or restoration of an entry in the register, is guilty of an offence.

- (4) A person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with any requirement imposed by—
- (a) the Council, or
 - (b) a Practice Committee

under article 25(1) or (2) or rules made by virtue of article 32(2)(m) or under any corresponding rule made by virtue of article 26, 33 or 37 is guilty of an offence.

(5) A person guilty of an offence under this article shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Commencement Information

I68 [Art. 44](#) in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Attendance by unqualified persons at childbirth

45.—(1) A person other than a registered midwife or a registered medical practitioner shall not attend a woman in childbirth.

- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply—
- (a) where the attention is given in a case of sudden or urgent necessity; or
 - (b) in the case of a person who, while undergoing training with a view to becoming a medical practitioner or to becoming a midwife, attends a woman in childbirth as part of a course of practical instruction in midwifery recognised by the Council or by the General Medical Council.

(3) A person who contravenes paragraph (1) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Commencement Information

I69 [Art. 45](#) in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

PART X MISCELLANEOUS

Further provisions

46.—(1) The Privy Council may make provision by order with regard to the functions of legal assessors and in particular provision may be made—

- (a) requiring legal assessors, when advising the Council or any of its committees, to do so in the presence of the parties or their representatives or, where advice is given in private, requiring the parties to be notified of the advice tendered by the legal assessors;
- (b) requiring the parties to be notified in any case where the legal assessor's advice is not accepted.

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(2) Paragraph (1)(a) and (b) shall not apply to advice given by a legal assessor in respect of the drafting of a decision mentioned in article 34(3).

Commencement Information

I70 Art. 46(1) in force at 5.3.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

Rules and orders

47.—(1) No rules made under this Order shall come into force until approved by order of the Privy Council.

(2) Any rules made by the Council and any order of the Privy Council made under this Order may make different provision with respect to different cases or classes of case.

(3) Before making any rules under this Order, the Council shall consult representatives of any group of persons who appear likely to be affected by the proposed rules and these may include such persons as appear to it to be representative of—

- (a) registrants or classes of registrant;
- (b) employers of registrants;
- (c) users of the services of registrants; or
- (d) persons providing, assessing or funding education and training for registrants and prospective registrants.

Commencement Information

I71 Art. 47 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

Exercise of powers by the Privy Council

48.—(1) Where the approval of the Privy Council is required by this Order in respect of the making of any rules by the Council, it shall be given by an order made by the Privy Council.

(2) Any power of the Privy Council under this Order to make an order shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.

[^{F185}(2A) For the purposes of section 1 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 (definition of “Statutory Instrument”), paragraph (2) shall have effect as if contained in an Act of Parliament.]

(3) Any order under this Order shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament but this does not apply to an order made under article 54(2) or Schedule 2, paragraph 19, 20, 21 or 25.

(4) For the purpose of exercising any powers conferred by this Order the quorum of the Privy Council shall be two.

(5) Any act of the Privy Council under this Order shall be sufficiently signified by an instrument signed by the Clerk of the Privy Council.

(6) Any document purporting to be—

- (a) an instrument made by the Privy Council under this Order, and
- (b) signed by the Clerk of the Privy Council, shall be evidence (and in Scotland sufficient evidence) of the fact that the instrument was so made and of its terms.

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Textual Amendments

F185 Art. 48(2A) inserted (12.6.2008) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), art. 1(2)(b), [Sch. 1 para. 7](#)

Commencement Information

I72 Art. 48 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Default powers of the Privy Council

49.—(1) If it appears to the Privy Council that the Council has failed to perform any functions which, in the opinion of the Privy Council, should have been performed, the Privy Council may notify the Council of its opinion and require the Council to make representations to it.

(2) The Privy Council may, having considered the representations of the Council, give such directions (if any) to the Council as it considers appropriate.

(3) If the Council fails to comply with any directions given under this article, the Privy Council may give effect to the direction.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), for the purpose of giving effect to a direction under paragraph (3), the Privy Council may—

- (a) exercise any power of the Council or do any act or other thing authorised to be done by the Council; and
- (b) do, of its own motion, any act or other thing which it is otherwise authorised to do under this Order at the instigation of the Council.

(5) The Privy Council shall not exercise the power in paragraph (4) to make, amend, remove or restore an entry in the register in respect of an individual, nor to refuse to do so.

(6) The powers under paragraphs (1) and (2) may be exercised by a person authorised or designated by the Privy Council for that purpose.

Commencement Information

I73 Art. 49 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

^{F186} Annual reports, statistical reports and strategic plans

50.—(1) The Council shall publish, by such date in each year as the Privy Council shall specify—

- (a) a report on the exercise of its functions which includes a description of the arrangements that the Council has put in place to ensure that it adheres to good practice in relation to equality and diversity (and for these purposes “equality” and “diversity” have the meanings given in section 8(2) of the Equality Act 2006 (equality and diversity));
- (b) a statistical report which indicates the efficiency and effectiveness of, and which includes a description of, the arrangements which the Council has put in place under article 21(1) (b) to protect members of the public from registrants whose fitness to practise is impaired, together with the Council’s observations on the report; and
- (c) a strategic plan for the Council in respect of such number of years as the Council shall determine.

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(2) The Council shall submit copies of the reports and the plan published under paragraph (1) to the Privy Council and the Privy Council shall lay copies of the reports and the plan before each House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

F186 Art. 50 substituted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 8**

Commencement Information

I74 Art. 50 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

Finances of the Council

51.—(1) The Council may charge such fees in connection with the exercise of its functions as it may, with the approval of the Privy Council, determine.

(2) Subject to this article, the expenses of the Council are to be met out of fees received by the Council and other sums paid to it in connection with the exercise of its functions.

(3) The Secretary of State or an appropriate authority may make grants or loans to the Council towards expenses incurred, or to be incurred by it—

- (a) in connection with the process of the implementation of this Order, or
- (b) for such other purposes in connection with the professions regulated by this Order as may be approved by the Secretary of State or the appropriate authority and agreed with the Council.

(4) In this paragraph, “appropriate authority” means the National Assembly for Wales, the Scottish Ministers or the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in Northern Ireland.

Commencement Information

I75 Art. 51 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

Accounts of the Council

52.—(1) The Council shall—

- (a) keep accounts in such form as the Privy Council may determine;
- (b) prepare annual accounts in respect of each financial year, in such form as the Privy Council may determine.

(2) The annual accounts shall be audited by persons the Council appoints.

[^{F187}(3) The Council shall ensure that the persons it appoints are eligible for appointment as statutory auditors under Part 42 of the Companies Act 2006 (statutory auditors).]

(4) As soon as is reasonably practicable after the end of the financial year to which the annual accounts relate, the Council shall—

- (a) cause them to be published together with any report on them made by the auditors; and

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- (b) send a copy of the annual accounts and of any such report to the Privy Council and to the Comptroller and Auditor General.
- (5) The Comptroller and Auditor General shall examine, certify and report on the annual accounts.
- (6) For the purposes of his examination, the Comptroller and Auditor General may inspect the accounts of the Council and any records relating to them.
- (7) The Privy Council shall lay before each House of Parliament a copy of the annual accounts certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General, any report of the auditors and the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General prepared under paragraph (5).
- (8) In this article, “financial year” means—
 - (a) the period beginning with the date on which the Council is established and ending with the next 31st March following that date, and
 - (b) each successive period of 12 months ending with 31st March.

Textual Amendments

F187 Art. 52(3) substituted (12.6.2008) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), art. 1(2)(b), [Sch. 1 para. 9](#)

Commencement Information

I76 Art. 52 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Inquiry by the Privy Council

53.—(1) The Privy Council may cause an inquiry to be held into any matter connected with the exercise by the Council of its functions.

(2) Before an inquiry is begun, the Privy Council may direct that it shall be held in public.

(3) Where no direction has been given, the person holding the inquiry may if he thinks fit hold it, or any part of it, in private.

(4) For the purpose of any such inquiry (but subject to paragraph (5)) the person appointed to hold the inquiry—

(a) may by summons require any person to attend, at a time and place stated in the summons, to give evidence or to produce any documents in his custody or under his control which relate to any matter in question at the inquiry; and

(b) may take evidence on oath, and for that purpose administer oaths, or may, instead of administering an oath, require the person examined to make a solemn affirmation.

(5) Nothing in this article requires a person, in obedience to a summons under the article, to attend to give evidence or to produce any documents unless the necessary expenses of his attendance are paid or tendered to him.

(6) Any person who refuses or deliberately fails to attend in obedience to a summons under this article, or to give evidence, or who deliberately alters, suppresses, conceals, destroys, or refuses to produce any book or other document which he is required or is liable to be required to produce for the purposes of this article, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

(7) Where the Privy Council causes an inquiry to be held under this article—

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- (a) the costs incurred by it in relation to the inquiry (including such reasonable sum as it may determine for the services of any officer engaged in the inquiry) shall be paid by such party to the inquiry as it may direct; and
 - (b) it may cause the amount of the costs so incurred to be certified, and any amount so certified and directed to be paid by any person shall be recoverable from that person by the Privy Council summarily as a civil debt.
- (8) Where the Privy Council causes an inquiry to be held under this article it may make orders—
- (a) as to the costs of the parties at the inquiry; and
 - (b) as to the parties by whom costs are to be paid,
- and every such order may be made a rule of the appropriate court on the application of any party named in the order.
- (9) “Appropriate court” has the same meaning as in article 38(5).

Commencement Information

I77 [Art. 53](#) in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Supplementary and transitional provisions and extent

- 54.**—(1) The transitional provisions contained in Schedule 2 to this Order shall apply.
- (2) The Privy Council may by order make such further transitional provisions as it considers appropriate.
- (3) The consequential amendments contained in Schedule 5 to this Order shall apply.
- (4) This Order extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.

Commencement Information

- I78** [Art. 54\(4\)](#) in force at made date, see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I79** [Art. 54\(1\)\(2\)](#) in force at 22.3.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56510, published 15.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I80** [Art. 54\(1\)\(3\)](#) in force at 1.4.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I81** [Art. 54\(2\)](#) in force at 1.4.2002 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I82** [Art. 54\(3\)](#) in force at 1.8.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I83** [Art. 54\(1\)](#) in force at 31.7.2006 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58044, published 14.7.2006), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

^{F188}Review

55. By 1st November 2021, and subsequently at intervals not exceeding 5 years from that date, in accordance with section 30 of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015, the Secretary of State must—

- (a) carry out a review of the amendments made to this Order by the European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016;
- (b) set out the conclusions of the review in a report; and

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(c) publish the report.]

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Textual Amendments

F188 Art. 55 inserted (18.11.2016) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1030\)](#), regs. 1, **67** (with reg. 155)

A. K. Galloway
Clerk of the Privy Council

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SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C11 Sch. 1 modified (temp.) (1.4.2002) by [The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 \(Transitional Provisions\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1125\)](#), arts. 1(1)(c), **2(1)(b)**

PART I

THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY COUNCIL

Membership

^{F189}**1.**

Textual Amendments

F189 Sch. 1 paras. 1A, 1B substituted for Sch. 1 paras. 1-11 (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 10(2)**

^{F189}**Membership: general**

1A.—(1) The Council shall consist of—

- (a) registrant members, that is members who are registrants; and
- (b) lay members, that is members who—
 - (i) are not and never have been registered nurses or registered midwives (and article 5(5) does not apply for these purposes), and
 - (ii) do not hold qualifications which would entitle them to apply for registration under this Order.

(2) The members of the Council shall be appointed by the Privy Council.

(3) The Privy Council shall ensure that, at any time, at least one member of the Council lives or works wholly or mainly in each of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

^{F190}(4)

^{F190}(5)

Textual Amendments

F189 Sch. 1 paras. 1A, 1B substituted for Sch. 1 paras. 1-11 (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 10(2)**

F190 Sch. 1 para. 1A(4)(5) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The National Treatment Agency \(Abolition\) and the Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/235\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 51(2)**

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Matters for the order of the Privy Council under article 3(7A)

1B.—(1) An order under article 3(7A) shall include provision with regard to—

- (a) the numbers of registrant members and lay members of the Council;
- (b) the terms of office for which members of the Council are appointed, and the order may provide that these are to be determined by the Privy Council, on appointment;
- (c) the grounds on which persons are to be disqualified from appointment as registrant or lay members of the Council;
- (d) the appointment of a chair of the Council and the chair's term of office [^{F191}, and the order may provide that the term is to be determined by whoever makes the appointment as chair, on appointment];
- (e) deputising arrangements in respect of the chair;
- (f) the quorum of the Council; and
- (g) the circumstances in which members cease to hold office or may be removed or suspended from office.

(2) But an order under article 3(7A) must not include any provision which would have the effect that a majority of the members of the Council would be lay members.

(3) An order under article 3(7A) may include provision with regard to—

- (a) the maximum period for which a member of the Council may hold office as a member during a specified period;
- (b) the maximum period for which a member of the Council may serve as chair of the Council during a specified period;
- (c) the education and training of members of the Council, and the order may provide for the Council to include the requirements with regard to education and training of its members in standing orders, and for those standing orders to provide for—
 - (i) that education and training to be the responsibility of another body, and
 - (ii) those requirements to be set and varied by that body from time to time;
- (d) the attendance of members of the Council at meetings of the Council;
- (e) the effect (if any) of any vacancy in the membership of the Council or any defect in the appointment of a member; and
- (f) enabling the Privy Council to appoint as the chair of the Council, for a specified period, the person who held office as President of the Council on the day before the first order under article 3(7A) comes into force.

(4) An order under article 3(7A) may make different provision for different cases or different classes of case and may contain such incidental, consequential, transitional, transitory, saving or supplementary provisions as appear to the Privy Council to be necessary or expedient.]

Textual Amendments

F189 Sch. 1 paras. 1A, 1B substituted for Sch. 1 paras. 1-11 (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(2\)](#)

F191 Words in [Sch. 1 para. 1B\(1\)\(d\)](#) inserted (14.5.2009) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1182\)](#), art. 1(2)(e), [Sch. 4 para. 38\(g\)\(i\)](#)

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F189 **2.**

Textual Amendments

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F189 **3.**

Textual Amendments

F189 Sch. 1 paras. 1A, 1B substituted for Sch. 1 paras. 1-11 (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(2\)](#)

F189 **4.**

Textual Amendments

F189 Sch. 1 paras. 1A, 1B substituted for Sch. 1 paras. 1-11 (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(2\)](#)

F189 **5.**

Textual Amendments

F189 Sch. 1 paras. 1A, 1B substituted for Sch. 1 paras. 1-11 (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(2\)](#)

F189 **6.**

Textual Amendments

F189 Sch. 1 paras. 1A, 1B substituted for Sch. 1 paras. 1-11 (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(2\)](#)

F189 **7.**

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F189 Sch. 1 paras. 1A, 1B substituted for Sch. 1 paras. 1-11 (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(2\)](#)

Tenure of members

^{F189}**8.**

Textual Amendments

F189 Sch. 1 paras. 1A, 1B substituted for Sch. 1 paras. 1-11 (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(2\)](#)

^{F189}**9.**

Textual Amendments

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^{F189}**10.**

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The President

^{F189}**11.**

Textual Amendments

F189 Sch. 1 paras. 1A, 1B substituted for Sch. 1 paras. 1-11 (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(2\)](#)

Procedure etc. of Council and committees

^{F192}**12.**—(1) Subject to any provision made by this Order or under this Order (otherwise than by standing orders), the Council may by standing orders make provision in respect of—

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- (a) its procedure;
- (b) the performance of its functions;
- (c) the constitution of its committees and sub-committees, other than the Practice Committees^{F193} ...;
- (d) the procedure of any of its committees or sub-committees;
- (e) the performance by any of its committees or sub-committees of their functions; and
- (f) the standards of education, training, attendance and performance expected of the members of its committees and sub-committees.

(2) Standing orders of the Council may make provision with regard to the provisional suspension of a member from office, pending the taking of a decision about the suspension or removal from office of the member in accordance with the provisions of an order under article 3(7A).]

Textual Amendments

F192 Sch. 1 para. 12 substituted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 10(3)**

F193 Words in Sch. 1 para. 12(1)(c) omitted (31.3.2017) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 19(a)** (with art. 3)

Commencement Information

I84 Sch. 1 para. 12 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

13.—(1) In appointing non-Council members to any committee set up under article 3(12) the Council shall have regard, where appropriate and subject to the other provisions of this Order, to the guidance issued by the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

(2) The Council shall ensure that such members of the committee who are not Council members shall have such qualifications, interests or experience as, in the opinion of the Council, are relevant to the field with which the committee is mainly concerned.

(3) The Council shall—

- (a) establish and maintain a system for the declaration and registration of private interests of its members and other members of its committees and sub-committees; and
- (b) publish entries recorded in the register of members' interests.

Commencement Information

I85 Sch. 1 para. 13 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

14.—(1) Decisions of the Council and committees shall be made by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

(2) In the event of a tie the [^{F194}chair] shall have an additional casting vote.

^{F195}(3)

(4) This paragraph does not apply to the [^{F196}Practice Committees] or to decisions of the Council under article 37.

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Textual Amendments

- F194** Word in [Sch. 1 para. 14\(2\)](#) substituted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- F195** [Sch. 1 para. 14\(3\)](#) omitted (12.6.2008) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- F196** Words in [Sch. 1 para. 14\(4\)](#) substituted (12.6.2008) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(4\)\(c\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I86** [Sch. 1 para. 14](#) in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Textual Amendments

- F192** [Sch. 1 para. 12](#) substituted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(3\)](#)
- F193** Words in [Sch. 1 para. 12\(1\)\(c\)](#) omitted (31.3.2017) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)\(c\)\(d\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 19\(a\)](#) (with [art. 3](#))
- F194** Word in [Sch. 1 para. 14\(2\)](#) substituted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- F195** [Sch. 1 para. 14\(3\)](#) omitted (12.6.2008) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- F196** Words in [Sch. 1 para. 14\(4\)](#) substituted (12.6.2008) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(4\)\(c\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I84** [Sch. 1 para. 12](#) in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I85** [Sch. 1 para. 13](#) in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I86** [Sch. 1 para. 14](#) in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Powers of the Council

15.—(1) Subject to any provision made by or under this Order, the Council may do anything which appears to it to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of, or in connection with, the performance of its functions.

(2) The Council shall, in particular, have power—

- (a) to borrow;
- (b) to appoint such staff as it may determine;
- (c) to pay its staff such salaries, allowances and expenses as it may determine;
- (d) to make such provision for the payment of such pensions, allowances or gratuities, or such contributions or payments towards provision for such pensions, allowances or gratuities, to or in respect of its staff as it may determine;

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- (e) to make such provision in respect of its members and members of its committees and sub-committees as it may determine—
 - (i) for the payment of fees and allowances, including the payment of allowances to employers of such members for the purposes of enabling the members to perform functions under this Order;
 - (ii) for the reimbursement of such expenses as the members may reasonably have incurred in the course of carrying out their functions under this Order;
- (f) to establish such sub-committees of any of its committees as it may determine;

^{F197}(g)

- (h) to abolish any of its committees, other than a [^{F198}Practice Committee], or any sub-committee of any of its committees.

(3) The Council may not employ any member of the Council or its committees or sub-committees.

(4) If it appears to the Council that [^{F199}a Practice Committee] is failing to perform its functions adequately, the Council may give a direction as to the proper performance of those functions.

(5) Where the Council, having given a direction under sub-paragraph (4), is satisfied that the committee has failed to comply with the direction, it may exercise any power of that committee or do any act or other thing authorised to be done by that committee.

^{F200}(6)

^{F200}(7)

(8) No person who is a member of the Council or any of its committees or sub-committees by virtue of his membership of any profession, may take part in any proceedings of the Council in any period during which he is the subject of any investigations, proceedings or a determination against him concerning his fitness to practise his profession.

Textual Amendments

F197 Sch. 1 para. 15(2)(g) omitted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 10(5)(a)**

F198 Words in Sch. 1 para. 15(2)(h) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 19(b)(i)** (with art. 3)

F199 Words in Sch. 1 para. 15(4) substituted (28.7.2017) by [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/321\)](#), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 19(b)(ii)** (with art. 3)

F200 Sch. 1 para. 15(6)(7) omitted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 10(5)(b)**

Commencement Information

I87 Sch. 1 para. 15 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Privy Council functions

^{F201}**15A**

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Textual Amendments

F201 Sch. 1 para. 15A revoked (1.10.2006) by Health Act 2006 (c. 28), s. 83(7), Sch. 8 para. 47, Sch. 9; S.I. 2006/2603, art. 4(5)(c)(iii)(e), Sch.

PART II

[^{F202}The Practice Committees]

Textual Amendments

F202 Sch. 1 Pt. 2 heading substituted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), Sch. 1 para. 19(c) (with art. 3)

Midwifery Committee

^{F203}16.

Textual Amendments

F203 Sch. 1 para. 16 omitted (31.3.2017) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), Sch. 1 para. 19(d) (with art. 3)

Practice Committees

[^{F204}17.—(1) The Council shall by rules make provision with regard to the constitution of each Practice Committee, and those rules shall include provision with regard to—

- (a) its ^{F205}... membership;
- (b) the appointment, suspension and removal of its members;
- (c) its chair, including the deputising arrangements for its chair; and
- (d) the quorum at its meetings.

[^{F206}(1A) Where the rules provide for one or more panels of members of a Practice Committee to perform functions of the Committee, the provision required by sub-paragraph (1)(d) includes provision with regard to the quorum at meetings of those panels.]

(2) The rules may make provision for a body (including a committee of the Council which is not one of the Practice Committees) to assist the Council in connection with the exercise of any function relating to the appointment of members or particular members of a Practice Committee, including any function relating to tenure of office or suspension or removal from office.

(3) Subject to any provision made by this Order or under this Order, including provision made by standing orders of the Council under paragraph 12(1)(d), each Practice Committee may regulate its own procedure.]

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Textual Amendments

- F204** Sch. 1 para. 17 substituted (5.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 10(7)**
- F205** Words in Sch. 1 para. 17(1)(a) omitted (31.3.2017) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 19(e)** (with art. 3)
- F206** Sch. 1 para. 17(1A) inserted (14.5.2009) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1182), art. 1(2)(e), **Sch. 4 para. 38(g)(ii)**

Commencement Information

- I88** Sch. 1 para. 17 in force at 22.1.2003 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56816, published 10.1.2003), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

18.—^{F207}(1)

^{F207}(2)

^{F207}(3)

^{F208}(4)

(5) The Council shall, subject to other provisions in this Order, have regard when selecting non-Council members for a Practice Committee, to the guidance issued by the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

^{F209}(6)

(7) Decisions of a Practice Committee shall be made by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

(8) In the event of a tie, the [^{F210}chair] shall have an additional casting vote and in respect of a decision under Part V shall exercise his casting vote in favour of the person concerned.

^{F211}(9)

(10) Apart from proceedings under Part V, no proceedings of a Practice Committee shall be invalidated by any defect in the appointment of a member.

[^{F212}[^{F213}(10A) In exercising a function under article 26D, 29, 30 or 33, the Fitness to Practise Committee (or any panel by which the function is exercisable as mentioned in paragraph 17(1A) of this Schedule) must have regard to the over-arching objective.]

^{F214}(10B)

(10C) References in [^{F215}sub-paragraph (10A) to the over-arching objective is] to the over-arching objective of the Council under article 3(4) (read with article 3(4A)).]

^{F216}(11)

Textual Amendments

- F207** Sch. 1 para. 18(1)-(3) omitted (5.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 10(8)(a)**

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- F208** Sch. 1 para. 18(4) omitted (14.5.2009) by virtue of The Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1182), art. 1(2)(e), **Sch. 4 para. 38(g)(iii)**
- F209** Sch. 1 para. 18(6) omitted (5.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 10(8)(a)**
- F210** Word in Sch. 1 para. 18(8) substituted (5.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 10(8)(b)**
- F211** Sch. 1 para. 18(9) omitted (14.5.2009) by virtue of The Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1182), art. 1(2)(e), **Sch. 4 para. 38(g)(iii)**
- F212** Sch. 1 para. 18(10A)-(10C) inserted (26.9.2016) by Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Act 2015 (c. 28), s. 6(4), **Sch. para. 5(4)**; S.I. 2016/906, reg. 2(b)
- F213** Sch. 1 para. 18(10A) substituted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 19(f)(i)** (with art. 3)
- F214** Sch. 1 para. 18(10B) omitted (28.7.2017) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 19(f)(ii)** (with art. 3)
- F215** Words in Sch. 1 para. 18(10C) substituted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 19(f)(iii)** (with art. 3)
- F216** Sch. 1 para. 18(11) omitted (14.5.2009) by virtue of The Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1182), art. 1(2)(e), **Sch. 4 para. 38(g)(iii)**

Commencement Information

- I89** Sch. 1 para. 18(1)-(5), (7)-(11) in force at 22.1.2003 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56816, published 10.1.2003), see **art. 1(2)(3)**
- I90** Sch. 1 para. 18 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

Textual Amendments

- F204** Sch. 1 para. 17 substituted (5.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 10(7)**
- F205** Words in Sch. 1 para. 17(1)(a) omitted (31.3.2017) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 19(e)** (with art. 3)
- F206** Sch. 1 para. 17(1A) inserted (14.5.2009) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1182), art. 1(2)(e), **Sch. 4 para. 38(g)(ii)**
- F207** Sch. 1 para. 18(1)-(3) omitted (5.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 10(8)(a)**
- F208** Sch. 1 para. 18(4) omitted (14.5.2009) by virtue of The Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1182), art. 1(2)(e), **Sch. 4 para. 38(g)(iii)**
- F209** Sch. 1 para. 18(6) omitted (5.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 10(8)(a)**
- F210** Word in Sch. 1 para. 18(8) substituted (5.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 10(8)(b)**

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- F212** Sch. 1 para. 18(10A)-(10C) inserted (26.9.2016) by Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Act 2015 (c. 28), s. 6(4), **Sch. para. 5(4)**; S.I. 2016/906, reg. 2(b)
- F213** Sch. 1 para. 18(10A) substituted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 19(f)(i)** (with art. 3)
- F214** Sch. 1 para. 18(10B) omitted (28.7.2017) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 19(f)(ii)** (with art. 3)
- F215** Words in Sch. 1 para. 18(10C) substituted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 19(f)(iii)** (with art. 3)
- F216** Sch. 1 para. 18(11) omitted (14.5.2009) by virtue of The Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1182), art. 1(2)(e), **Sch. 4 para. 38(g)(iii)**

Commencement Information

- I88** Sch. 1 para. 17 in force at 22.1.2003 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56816, published 10.1.2003), see **art. 1(2)(3)**
- I89** Sch. 1 para. 18(1)-(5), (7)-(11) in force at 22.1.2003 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56816, published 10.1.2003), see **art. 1(2)(3)**
- I90** Sch. 1 para. 18 in force at 1.8.2004 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

SCHEDULE 2

Article 54

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C12** Sch. 2 modified (31.12.2003) by The European Qualifications (Health Care Professions) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/3148), regs. 1(1)(c), **3(1)**

The initial membership of the Council

1. When first constituted, the membership of the Council shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule.

Commencement Information

- I91** Sch. 2 para. 1 in force at 22.3.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56510, published 15.3.2002), see **art. 1(2)(3)**
- I92** Sch. 2 para. 1 in force at 1.4.2002 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see **art. 1(2)(3)**

The transitional periods

2. In this Schedule—

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“the first transitional period” means the period beginning with the coming into force of article 3 and ending on the date of coming into force of the first order made by the Privy Council under article 6(1);

“the second transitional period” means the period beginning with the day after the coming into force of the first order made by the Privy Council under article 6(1) and ending on the second anniversary of that date, unless ended earlier by the Privy Council on a proposal received by it from the Council.

Commencement Information

193 Sch. 2 para. 2 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

The Members

3.—(1) During the transitional periods, the Council shall consist of—

- (a) 12 members appointed by the Privy Council (referred to in this Order as “practitioner members”);
- (b) 11 members who are appointed by the Privy Council (referred to in this Order as “lay members”); and
- (c) 12 members appointed by the Privy Council (referred to in this Order as “alternate members”).

(2) The Privy Council shall appoint an alternate member for each practitioner member.

(3) An alternate member shall have the same functions as a practitioner member but he may attend a Council meeting in his capacity as an alternate member and vote only if his corresponding practitioner member is unable to do so.

(4) Following consultation of persons who appear to it to be representative of the professions to which this Order relates, the Privy Council shall appoint practitioner and alternate members from among persons who are registered under the 1997 Act, or, if section 7 has been repealed, who were so registered immediately before that provision was repealed.

(5) It shall select four practitioner members from each of the following categories—

- (a) persons registered in Part 10 of the register maintained under section 7 of the 1997 Act;
- (b) persons registered in Part 11 of the register maintained under section 7 of the 1997 Act;
- (c) persons registered in any other Part of that register of whom the members may all be selected from the same Part or from different Parts.

(6) No person may be appointed as a practitioner member while he is the subject of fitness to practise investigations or proceedings whether under this Order or under the 1997 Act.

(7) Having consulted such persons as it considers appropriate, the Privy Council shall appoint lay members from among persons who are not and never have been on the register or the register kept under the 1997 Act and who have such qualifications, interests and experience as, in the opinion of the Privy Council, will be of value to the Council in the performance of its functions.

(8) The members shall live or work wholly or mainly in the United Kingdom.

(9) There shall be at least one practitioner member and one alternate member from each part of the register, and the number of practitioner and alternate members from each part shall be equal.

(10) The practitioner and alternate members appointed in respect of each part of the register shall include at least one member from each of the countries of the United Kingdom and that member shall live or work wholly or mainly in the country concerned.

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(11) The members who are not registered professionals shall include at least one member from each of the countries of the United Kingdom and that member shall live or work wholly or mainly in the country concerned.

Commencement Information

- I94** Sch. 2 para. 3 in force at 22.3.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56510, published 15.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I95** Sch. 2 para. 3 in force at 1.4.2002 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Tenure of members

4. Unless he resigns or is removed in such circumstances as are set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 1, each member shall hold office until the end of the second transitional period.

Commencement Information

- I96** Sch. 2 para. 4 in force at 22.3.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56510, published 15.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I97** Sch. 2 para. 4 in force at 1.4.2002 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

5. Where a member ceases to be a member, the Privy Council may replace him and the successor's term of office shall begin with the day after that on which the member ceases to be a member and end at the end of the second transitional period.

Commencement Information

- I98** Sch. 2 para. 5 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

^{F217}6.

Textual Amendments

- F217** Sch. 2 para. 6 omitted (12.6.2008) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008](#) (S.I. 2008/1485), [art. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 12\(2\)](#)

Textual Amendments

- F217** Sch. 2 para. 6 omitted (12.6.2008) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008](#) (S.I. 2008/1485), [art. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 12\(2\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I96** Sch. 2 para. 4 in force at 22.3.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56510, published 15.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I97** Sch. 2 para. 4 in force at 1.4.2002 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

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I98 Sch. 2 para. 5 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

Election Scheme

7. The Council shall provide in rules for an election scheme in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 1 to this Order no later than six months before the end of the second transitional period.

Commencement Information

I99 Sch. 2 para. 7 in force at 31.7.2006 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58044, published 14.7.2006), see art. 1(2)(3)

Appointment of first President

8. The first President of the Council shall be appointed by the Privy Council from among the members of the Council.

Commencement Information

I100 Sch. 2 para. 8 in force at 22.3.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56510, published 15.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

I101 Sch. 2 para. 8 in force at 1.4.2002 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

The register

9. During the first transitional period, the Council shall make—
- (a) proposals to the Privy Council for an order to be made under article 6(1);
 - (b) rules under articles 5 and 7 and such other rules as are necessary for the proper operation of the register.

Commencement Information

I102 Sch. 2 para. 9 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

10. Until such date as the first order under article 6(1) is and the rules mentioned in paragraph 9 are in force (“the appointed day”) the Council shall—

- (a) perform the functions of maintaining the register under section 7 of the 1997 Act, and
- (b) determine applications under section 8 of the 1997 Act,

and if those provisions have been repealed, shall act under sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) as if they remained in force and as if references in that Act and subordinate legislation made under it to the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting (“UKCC”) or to a National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting (a “National Board”) were to the Council.

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Commencement Information

I103 Sch. 2 para. 10 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

11. Where on the appointed day there are outstanding applications for—

- (a) registration;
- (b) renewal of registration;
- (c) the recording of additional qualifications;
- (d) any entry in the register to be made, altered or restored,

the Council shall dispose of the application in accordance with the provisions of the 1997 Act, as if those provisions were still in force, or in such other manner as it considers just.

Commencement Information

I104 Sch. 2 para. 11 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

12. The entries in the register kept under the 1997 Act may be transferred to the register in accordance with articles 5 and 6 but, where the home address of a person registered under the 1997 Act appears in the register kept under that Act and the entry for that person is transferred to the register, his home address shall not be published in the register without the consent of that person.

Commencement Information

I105 Sch. 2 para. 12 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

Commencement Information

I102 Sch. 2 para. 9 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

I103 Sch. 2 para. 10 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

I104 Sch. 2 para. 11 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

I105 Sch. 2 para. 12 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

PROSPECTIVE

The Registrar

13. The first Registrar may be appointed by the Secretary of State, and shall otherwise be appointed by the Council, on such terms and conditions as the body appointing him sees fit.

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Commencement Information

I106 Sch. 2 para. 13 not in force at made date, see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

14. If the first Registrar ceases to hold office before a Registrar is appointed under article 4, the Secretary of State or the Council, as the case may be, may appoint a replacement.

Commencement Information

I107 Sch. 2 para. 14 not in force at made date, see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Commencement Information

I106 Sch. 2 para. 13 not in force at made date, see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

I107 Sch. 2 para. 14 not in force at made date, see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Functions of the Council during the transitional period

15.—(1) During the transitional periods, and subject to any contrary provision in this Order, the Council shall, until the relevant provisions of this Order and subordinate legislation made under it come into force, exercise the functions of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting (“UKCC”) and of the National Boards for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting (“the National Boards”) under sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 15, 20 and 21 of the 1997 Act and subordinate legislation made under that Act with such modifications as necessary and as if references to the UKCC and National Boards were to the Council.

(2) If the relevant provision has been repealed, it shall be treated for the purposes of subparagraph (1) as if it remained in force.

Commencement Information

I108 [Sch. 2 para. 15](#) in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

Fitness to practise proceedings

16.—(1) Until relevant rules under Part V come into force—

(a) where disciplinary proceedings—

(i) are pending before the UKCC or any of its committees; or

(ii) have begun but the body or committee dealing with the case has not communicated its decision to the person who is the subject of the proceedings,

that body or committee shall refer the proceedings to the Council and the Council shall dispose of the matter in accordance with the 1997 Act or, if the relevant provisions have been repealed, as if those provisions remained in force;

(b) where an allegation is received by the Council it shall dispose of the matter as if the 1997 Act remained in force; and in both cases

(c) references in the 1997 Act to the UKCC are to be treated as references to the Council.

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Commencement Information

I109 Sch. 2 para. 16 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

17. An appeal—

- (a) under section 12 of the 1997 Act which is pending or proceeding before any court on the date on which that section is repealed; or
- (b) which is received by the Council before the relevant appeal provisions in the rules referred to in paragraph 16 are in force,

shall be dealt with as if section 12 remained in force.

Commencement Information

I110 Sch. 2 para. 17 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

Commencement Information

I109 Sch. 2 para. 16 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

I110 Sch. 2 para. 17 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

Transitional provisions for local supervising authorities

^{F218}18.

Textual Amendments

F218 Sch. 2 para. 18 omitted (31.3.2017) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), Sch. 1 para. 20 (with art. 3)

Transfer of staff and property

19. The Privy Council may by order make provision—

- (a) enabling persons who, when paragraph 3(1) of this Order (creation of Council) comes into force, hold office as members or staff of the UKCC and the National Boards to continue to hold office until those bodies are dissolved;
- (b) authorising the UKCC to make grants or loans to any person in connection with the implementation or preparations for the implementation of the Order.

Commencement Information

I111 Sch. 2 para. 19 not in force at made date, see art. 1(2)(3)

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20.—(1) The Privy Council may by order provide for the transfer from the old to the new employer of any—

- (a) eligible employee; and
- (b) property, rights and liabilities.

(2) In this paragraph—

- (a) “the new employer” means the Council; and
- (b) “the old employer” means the UKCC.

(3) In this paragraph and in paragraph 21—

“an eligible employee” means a person who is employed under a contract of employment with the old employer; and

“property” includes rights and interests of any description.

Commencement Information

I112 Sch. 2 para. 20 in force at 22.3.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56510, published 15.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

I113 Sch. 2 para. 20 in force at 1.4.2002 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

21.—(1) The Privy Council may by order provide for the transfer from the old to the new employer of any—

- (a) eligible employee; and
- (b) property, rights and liabilities.

(2) In this paragraph and in paragraph 25—

(a) “the new employer” means, in relation to—

- (i) England, the Secretary of State,
- (ii) Wales, the National Assembly for Wales,
- (iii) Scotland, the Scottish Ministers, and
- (iv) Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety,

or any person or body established or authorised by any of them; and

(b) “the old employer” means a National Board.

Commencement Information

I114 Sch. 2 para. 21 in force at 22.3.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56510, published 15.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

I115 Sch. 2 para. 21 in force at 1.4.2002 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

22. An order made under paragraph 20(1)(a) or 21(1)(a) may be made by the Privy Council only if any prescribed requirements about consultation have been complied with in relation to each of the employees to be transferred under the scheme.

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Commencement Information

I116 Sch. 2 para. 22 not in force at made date, see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

23. An order made under paragraph 20(1)(a) or 21(1)(a) may apply to all, or any description of, employees or to any individual employee.

Commencement Information

I117 Sch. 2 para. 23 in force at 22.3.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56510, published 15.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

I118 Sch. 2 para. 23 in force at 1.4.2002 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

24.—(1) The contract of employment of an employee transferred under an order made under paragraph 20(1)(a) or 21(1)(a)—

- (a) is not terminated by the transfer; and
- (b) has effect from the date of the transfer as if originally made between the employee and the transferee.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1), where an employee is transferred under an order mentioned in that sub-paragraph—

- (a) all the rights, powers, duties and liabilities of the old employer under or in connection with the contract of employment are, by virtue of this paragraph, transferred to the transferee on the date of the transfer; and
- (b) anything done before that date by or in relation to the old employer in respect of that contract or the employee is to be treated from that date as having been done by or in relation to the transferee.

(3) Sub-paragraphs (2)(a) and (b) do not transfer an employee’s contract of employment, or the rights, powers, duties and liabilities under or in connection with it, if he informs the old employer or the transferee that he objects to the transfer.

(4) Where an employee objects as mentioned in sub-paragraph (3), his contract of employment with the old employer is terminated immediately before the date of the transfer, but he is not to be treated for any purpose as having been dismissed by that employer.

(5) This paragraph does not prejudice any right of an employee to terminate his contract of employment if a substantial change is made to his detriment in his working conditions but no such right arises by reason only that, by virtue of this paragraph, the identity of his employer changes unless the employee shows that, in all the circumstances, the change is a significant change and is to his detriment.

(6) In this paragraph—

“the date of the transfer” means the date of the transfer determined under an order made under paragraph 20(1)(a) or 21(1)(a) in relation to the employee; and

“the transferee” means the new employer to whom the employee is or would be transferred under that order.

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Commencement Information

I119 Sch. 2 para. 24 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

25.—(1) An order made under paragraph 20(1)(b) or 21(1)(b) may provide for the new employer to—

- (a) prepare a statement of accounts in respect of the financial year to 31st March 2002;
- (b) submit a report on the performance of the old employer for the period since the last report under section 18(6) of the 1997 Act to 31st March 2002; or
- (c) carry out any other functions necessary or expedient consequent on the dissolution of the old employer.

(2) Section 18(3), (4), (5) and (7) of the 1997 Act shall apply as if they remained in force except that they shall apply as if the accounts or report, as the case may be, mentioned in paragraph (1) had been prepared by the old employer.

Commencement Information

I120 Sch. 2 para. 25 in force at 22.3.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56510, published 15.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

I121 Sch. 2 para. 25 in force at 1.4.2002 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

Commencement Information

I111 Sch. 2 para. 19 not in force at made date, see art. 1(2)(3)

I112 Sch. 2 para. 20 in force at 22.3.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56510, published 15.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

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[^{F219}SCHEDULE 2A

Article 39

VISITING MIDWIVES, AND CERTAIN VISITING NURSES, FROM RELEVANT EUROPEAN STATES

Textual Amendments

F219 Sch. 2A inserted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **171**

Application and interpretation

1. This Schedule applies to an exempt person—
 - (a) who is lawfully established as a nurse in a relevant European State other than the United Kingdom [^{F220}and who is not a person to whom paragraph 15 of Schedule 2B (European professional card and entitlement to registration: provision of occasional nursing services) applies]; or
 - (b) who is lawfully established as a midwife in a relevant European State other than the United Kingdom.

Textual Amendments

F220 Words in Sch. 2A para. 1(a) inserted (18.11.2016) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1030\)](#), regs. 1, **68(2)** (with reg. 155)

2. In this Schedule—
 - (a) a “visiting practitioner” means an exempt person to whom this Schedule applies;
 - (b) the “home State”, in relation to a visiting practitioner, means the relevant European State in which the practitioner is lawfully established as a nurse or midwife;
 - (c) a reference to the provision of occasional nursing services is a reference to the provision, in the United Kingdom, of nursing services—
 - (i) of a kind which are provided, in the United Kingdom, by nurses whose training satisfies the requirements of article 31 of the Directive (training of nurses responsible for general care), and
 - (ii) on a temporary and occasional basis; and
 - (d) a reference to the provision of occasional midwifery services is a reference to the provision of midwifery services in the United Kingdom on a temporary and occasional basis.

Registration in respect of provision of occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services

3.—(1) A visiting practitioner is entitled to be registered in the appropriate part of the register if the practitioner is entitled under paragraph 4 or 7 to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services; and the Registrar shall give effect to the entitlement.

(2) A visiting practitioner who is entitled under sub-paragraph (1) to be registered, but who is not registered in the appropriate part of the register, shall be treated as registered in that part.

(3) Sub-paragraph (4) applies where a person's entitlement under sub-paragraph (1) to be registered ceases because, by reason of the operation of paragraph 8(1), (2) or (5), the person ceases

to be entitled under this Schedule to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services.

(4) If the person's name is registered, the Registrar may remove the person's name from the register.

(5) Sub-paragraphs (1) to (4) are not to be taken to prejudice the application, in relation to persons registered on the basis of entitlement under sub-paragraph (1), of any other provision of this Order under which the name of a registered nurse or midwife may be removed from the register or under which the registration of a registered nurse or midwife may be suspended.

Entitlement to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services: first year

4. A visiting practitioner is entitled to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services if—

- (a) the practitioner has complied with the requirements of paragraph 5, and
- (b) where the practitioner's case falls within regulation [F2213(8)](a), (c), (d) or (e) of the General Systems Regulations, the provision by the practitioner of occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services is in accordance with regulations [F22219 to 23] of those Regulations (the practitioner having, in particular, successfully completed any adaptation period, or passed any aptitude test, that the practitioner may be required to undertake pursuant to Part 2 of those Regulations),

but paragraph 8 contains provision about the duration of entitlement under this paragraph.

Textual Amendments

F221 Word in Sch. 2A para. 4(b) substituted (18.11.2016) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1030\)](#), regs. 1, **68(3)(a)** (with reg. 155)

F222 Words in Sch. 2A para. 4(b) substituted (18.11.2016) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1030\)](#), regs. 1, **68(3)(b)** (with reg. 155)

First provision of services: required documents

5.—(1) A visiting practitioner who proposes to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services for the first time must, before providing any such services, send or produce to the Registrar the required documents.

(2) The required documents are—

[F223(a) a written declaration—

- (i) that states the practitioner's wish to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services;
- (ii) that contains details of any insurance cover or other means of personal or collective protection with regard to professional liability;
- (iii) as to whether the practitioner has the necessary knowledge of English;
- (iv) which confirms that the practitioner does not have a criminal conviction; and
- (v) which confirms that the practitioner is not subject to a temporary or final suspension preventing practice as a nurse or midwife;]

(b) if the practitioner is a national of a relevant European State, proof of nationality;

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- (c) if the practitioner is not a national of a relevant European State, proof of the [F224EU] right by virtue of which the practitioner is an exempt person;
 - (d) evidence of qualifications in nursing or midwifery (see paragraph 6); and
 - (e) a certificate (or certificates) issued by a competent authority in the practitioner's home State confirming—
 - (i) that the practitioner is lawfully established as a nurse or midwife in that State, and
 - (ii) that the practitioner is not prohibited (whether on a permanent or temporary basis) from practising as a nurse or midwife there.
- (3) A declaration under sub-paragraph (2)(a) may be supplied by any means.

Textual Amendments

F223 Sch. 2A para. 5(2)(a) substituted (18.11.2016) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1030\)](#), regs. 1, **68(4)** (with reg. 155)

F224 Word in Order substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), arts. 2, 4, 6 (with art. 3(3))

6.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), the evidence referred to in paragraph 5(2)(d) is evidence of the European-recognised qualifications which entitle the visiting practitioner to provide, in the practitioner's home State, the nursing or midwifery services that the practitioner proposes to provide in the United Kingdom on a temporary and occasional basis.

(2) This sub-paragraph applies to a visiting practitioner whose case falls within regulation [F2253(8)](a), (c), (d) or (e) of the General Systems Regulations (with the result that the practitioner is not entitled to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services unless their provision by the practitioner is in accordance with regulations [F22619 to 23] of those Regulations).

(3) If sub-paragraph (2) applies to a visiting practitioner, the evidence referred to in paragraph 5(2)(d) of the practitioner's qualifications in nursing or midwifery is evidence of the qualifications which entitle the practitioner to practise as a nurse or midwife in his home State.

(4) In this paragraph, “European-recognised qualifications” means qualifications which relevant European States are required by the Directive to recognise.

Textual Amendments

F225 Word in Sch. 2A para. 6(2) substituted (18.11.2016) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1030\)](#), regs. 1, **68(5)(a)** (with reg. 155)

F226 Words in Sch. 2A para. 6(2) substituted (18.11.2016) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1030\)](#), regs. 1, **68(5)(b)** (with reg. 155)

Entitlement to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services after first year: renewals

7.—(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the Registrar receives the required renewal documents from a visiting practitioner who is entitled under this Schedule to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services.

(2) The visiting practitioner is entitled to continue to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services, but paragraph 8 contains provision about the duration of entitlement continued under this sub-paragraph.

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(3) Sub-paragraph (4) applies where the Registrar receives the required renewal documents from a visiting practitioner—

- (a) who is not entitled under this Schedule to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services;
- (b) who has been previously entitled under this Schedule to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services; and
- (c) whose registration in the register is not suspended.

(4) The visiting practitioner is once again entitled to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services but, in a case where the practitioner's name is not in the register as a result of removal otherwise than under paragraph 3(4), only if the Registrar decides, after having regard (in particular) to the fact of that removal and the reasons for it, that the entitlement should be renewed. Paragraph 8 contains provision about the duration of entitlement under this sub-paragraph.

(5) In relation to a visiting practitioner “the required renewal documents” are—

- (a) a renewal declaration; and
- (b) each evidence of change document (if any).

(6) In this paragraph “renewal declaration”, in relation to a visiting practitioner, means a written declaration that states the practitioner's wish to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services in a further year.

(7) Where a document—

- (a) is, in relation to a visiting practitioner, one of the required documents for the purposes of paragraph 5,
- (b) is not a declaration under paragraph 5(2)(a), and
- (c) substantiates a matter as respects which there has been a material change since the practitioner last (whether under paragraph 5 or this paragraph) supplied the then-current version of the document to the registrar,

the version of the document current when under this paragraph the practitioner supplies a renewal declaration to the registrar is an “evidence of change document” for the purposes of sub-paragraph (5)(b).

(8) A renewal declaration supplied under this paragraph may be supplied by any means.

Duration of entitlement to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services

8.—(1) Unless an entitlement under paragraph 4 or 7(4) is continued (or further continued) by paragraph 7(2), the entitlement ceases at the end of the year that begins with the end of the day on which the Registrar received the documents whose receipt gave rise to the entitlement.

(2) Where an entitlement under paragraph 4 or 7(4) is continued (or further continued) by paragraph 7(2), the entitlement is extended so as to cease at the end of the year that begins with the end of the relevant day.

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)—

- (a) if the day on which the Registrar receives the documents whose receipt gives rise to the continuation (or further continuation) is an anniversary of the start day, “the relevant day” means the day on which the Registrar receives those documents;
- (b) otherwise, “the relevant day” means the anniversary of the start day that is the first such anniversary to occur after the Registrar receives the documents whose receipt gives rise to the continuation (or further continuation).

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(4) In sub-paragraph (3) “the start day”, in relation to an entitlement under paragraph 4 or 7(4), means the day on which the Registrar receives the documents whose receipt gives rise to the entitlement.

(5) An entitlement under this Schedule to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services ceases if—

- (a) the visiting practitioner concerned becomes established as a nurse or as a midwife in the United Kingdom; or
- (b) a disqualifying decision is made against the visiting practitioner concerned.

(6) In sub-paragraph (5) “disqualifying decision”, in relation to a visiting practitioner, means a decision made by a competent or judicial authority in the practitioner's home State [^{F227}or, if different, a relevant European State in which the practitioner practises or has practised as a nurse] that has the effect that the practitioner—

- (a) ceases in that State to be registered or otherwise officially recognised as a nurse or midwife; or
- (b) is prohibited (whether on a permanent or temporary basis) from practising as a nurse or midwife in that State.

(7) If in the case of a visiting practitioner—

- (a) the practitioner's registration in the register is suspended or the practitioner's name is removed from the register, and
- (b) immediately before the time when the suspension or (as the case may be) removal takes effect, the practitioner is entitled under this Schedule to provide occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services,

that entitlement ceases at that time.

Textual Amendments

F227 Words in Sch. 2A para. 8(6) inserted (18.11.2016) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1030\)](#), regs. 1, **68(6)** (with reg. 155)

Conditions

9.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies if—

- (a) the establishment of a visiting practitioner in the practitioner's home State is subject to a condition relating to the practitioner's practice as a nurse or midwife;
- (b) the practitioner's name is registered in the appropriate part of the register; and
- (c) for any of the purposes of this Order it falls to be decided whether the practitioner's fitness to practise is or may be impaired on the ground of misconduct.

(2) The matters that may be counted as misconduct include (in particular) any act or omission by the visiting practitioner during the course of the provision by the practitioner of occasional nursing services or occasional midwifery services that is, or would be if the condition applied in relation to practice as a nurse or midwife outside the practitioner's home State, a breach of the condition.

(3) In paragraphs (1) and (2) “condition” includes limitation.]

[^{F228}SCHEDULE 2B

Article 39B

Directive 2005/36/EC: European professional card

Textual Amendments

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PART 1

General

Introductory

1. This Schedule supplements the rights and obligations set out in the Implementing Regulation 2015.

Interpretation

2. In this Schedule—

“automatically recognised nurse” means a person who is entitled to have his or her qualifications as a nurse automatically recognised under articles 21, 23, 49a or 49b of the Directive;

“disqualifying decision” means a decision made by a competent authority or a judicial authority in a person's home State or host State that has the effect that—

- (a) the person ceases to be registered or otherwise officially recognised as a nurse in that State; or
- (b) the person is prohibited, permanently or temporarily, from practising as a nurse in that State;

“EPC applicant” means a person making, or who has made, an EPC application;

“EPC application” means an application for a European professional card made by a person who is seeking to practise as an automatically recognised nurse;

“EPC holder” means a person who holds a valid European professional card as a result of an EPC application;

“home State” means the relevant European State specified by an EPC applicant in his or her EPC application in accordance with article 4 of the Implementing Regulation 2015;

“host State” means the relevant European State in which an EPC applicant seeks to practise as a nurse;

“Implementing Regulation 2015” means Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 983 of 2015 on the procedure for issuance of the European professional card and the application of the alert mechanism pursuant to the Directive;

“missing document” means a document which an EPC applicant was required to provide with the EPC application but which the EPC applicant has not provided;

“nurse” means a nurse responsible for general care; and

“occasional nursing services” means the provision of services as a nurse on a temporary and occasional basis.

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PART 2

General functions of the Council in relation to European professional cards

Council not to request resubmission of valid documents

3. If a person (“P”) who has already made an application for or in relation to a European professional card makes a subsequent or further application for or in relation to a European professional card, the Council may not request resubmission of documents that are contained in P’s IMI file and which are still valid for the purposes of processing P’s subsequent or further application.

Power to revoke a European professional card

4.—(1) The Council may revoke a European professional card issued under this Schedule if it appears to the Council that the person (“P”) to whom the card was issued is not entitled to hold the card.

(2) P is not entitled to hold a European professional card if, in particular, P is subject to a disqualifying decision.

Rectification of the European professional card or the IMI file

5.—(1) If an automatically recognised nurse (“P”) holds a European professional card issued by the Council, P may, at any time, make a written request to the Council to rectify inaccurate or incomplete data in P’s IMI file or to delete or block P’s IMI file if it contains inaccurate or incomplete data.

(2) If the Council is satisfied that the data in P’s IMI file is inaccurate or incomplete, the Council must comply with a request by P under sub-paragraph (1).

(3) The Council must notify P of P’s right under sub-paragraph (1)—

- (a) at the time P’s European professional card is issued;
- (b) within the period ending two years after the date on which the European professional card was issued; and
- (c) subsequently at intervals not exceeding two years from the date of the previous notification.

(4) A notification under sub-paragraph (3)(b) or (c) must be sent to P by means of an automatic reminder sent through the IMI.

(5) The Council must not charge P a fee in relation to the making of a written request under sub-paragraph (1) or in relation to complying with, or responding to, such a request.

(6) If—

- (a) P’s European professional card was issued for the purposes of establishment;
- (b) P asks the Council to delete P’s IMI file; and
- (c) P’s host State is the United Kingdom,

the Council must provide P with evidence confirming that the Council recognises P’s professional qualifications.

Duty to give reasons and to notify of right of appeal

6. If the Council refuses to issue, extend or vary, or decides to revoke, a European professional card under this Schedule, the Council must notify the EPC applicant or the EPC holder of the reasons for that decision and of his or her right of appeal under article 37.

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Updating the IMI file: disciplinary actions or criminal sanctions

- 7.—(1) This paragraph applies if a person (“P”)—
- (a) makes an EPC application to the Council; or
 - (b) is an EPC holder and P's European professional card was issued by the Council.
- (2) The Council must update P's IMI file in accordance with sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) in a timely manner.
- (3) The Council must add to P's IMI file information, regarding disciplinary action or criminal sanctions, which—
- (a) relates to a prohibition or restriction on P's entitlement to practise as a nurse; or
 - (b) has consequences for the pursuit of any activities by P, in P's capacity as a nurse.
- (4) The Council must delete from P's IMI file information regarding disciplinary action or criminal sanctions that is no longer required.
- (5) The Council must immediately inform P and the competent authorities of other relevant European States that have access to P's IMI file of any update under this paragraph.
- (6) The information that may be added or deleted under this paragraph must be limited to details of—
- (a) P's identity;
 - (b) information about the national authority or court which has made a decision on a restriction or prohibition applying to P;
 - (c) the scope of the restriction or prohibition; and
 - (d) the period for which the restriction or prohibition applies.

Access to data

- 8.—(1) The Council may access information on the IMI file of an EPC applicant or an EPC holder, in accordance with Directive [95/46/EC](#), only if the United Kingdom is the home State or the host State of the applicant or the holder.
- (2) The Council must provide an EPC applicant or an EPC holder with information on the content of his or her IMI file on request.

Processing data

- 9.—(1) The Council may process personal data to which it has access under paragraph 8—
- (a) for as long as it is needed for the purposes of recognition of the professional qualifications of the EPC applicant or the EPC holder; and
 - (b) as evidence of the recognition or transmission of the declaration required as part of the documents submitted under paragraph 12(2).
- (2) The Council is the controller within the meaning of article 2(d) of Directive [95/46/EC](#) for the purposes of processing personal data in a person's European professional card or IMI file.

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PART 3

European professional cards for establishment in the United Kingdom or another relevant European State

European professional cards for establishment in a host State other than the United Kingdom

10.—(1) This paragraph applies if—

- (a) a person (“P”) makes an EPC application to the Council for the purposes of establishment as a nurse in a relevant European State other than the United Kingdom; and
- (b) P's home State is the United Kingdom.

(2) P must submit with the EPC application the appropriate documents listed in paragraph 1 of Part A of Annex 2 to the Implementing Regulation 2015 (in addition to the information required in accordance with article 4 of the Implementing Regulation 2015 that is relevant to the application).

(3) Within the period of one week beginning with the date on which it receives the EPC application, the Council must acknowledge receipt of the application and inform P of any missing document.

(4) The Council must, within the period of one month beginning with the relevant day—

- (a) decide whether the documents in P's IMI file are authentic and valid for the purposes of the EPC application and whether P is qualified as an automatically recognised nurse; and
- (b) transmit its decision (under paragraph (a)) and the EPC application to the competent authority of P's host State (in order for that competent authority to decide whether to issue the European professional card: see article 4d(2) of the Directive) and, at the same time, inform P of the status of the application.

(5) In this paragraph, “the relevant day” means the later of—

- (a) the day which falls one week after the day on which the Council receives the EPC application; or
- (b) the day on which the last relevant document is received by the Council.

(6) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (5), “relevant document” means—

- (a) any previously missing document; or
- (b) any document that is requested by the Council in connection with the EPC application before the day described in sub-paragraph (5)(a).

Issue of European professional card for establishment in the United Kingdom

11.—(1) This paragraph applies if—

- (a) a person (“P”) makes an EPC application to a competent authority of a relevant European State other than the United Kingdom for the purposes of establishment as a nurse in the United Kingdom;
- (b) P's home State is not the United Kingdom;
- (c) the competent authority of P's home State has decided whether the documents in P's IMI file are authentic and valid for the purposes of the EPC application and whether P is qualified as an automatically recognised nurse; and
- (d) the competent authority of P's home State transmits the decision described in paragraph (c) and the EPC application to the Council (in order for the Council to decide whether to issue the European professional card: see article 4d(2) of the Directive).

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(2) The Council may request additional information or a certified copy of a document from the competent authority of P's home State if it appears to the Council—

- (a) that the applicant may not be entitled to hold a European professional card in accordance with this Schedule; or
- (b) that a document or information supplied as part of the EPC application is not, or may not be, valid or correct.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraphs (4) to (6), the Council must issue the European professional card within one month of receipt of the EPC application from the competent authority of P's home State.

(4) The Council may extend the period in sub-paragraph (3)—

- (a) by two weeks; and
- (b) if considers it necessary to do so, in particular for reasons relating to public health or the safety of recipients or prospective recipients of nursing services from the EPC applicant, by a further two weeks following expiry of the two week extension under paragraph (a).

(5) The Council must notify the applicant of any extension under sub-paragraph (4) and the reasons for it.

(6) If the Council does not receive the documents or information necessary to determine whether to issue the European professional card, the Council may refuse to issue the card (also see paragraph 6: duty to give reasons and to notify of right of appeal).

(7) If the Council fails to make a decision within the time limits set out in this paragraph—

- (a) the applicant is to be treated as entitled to the European professional card; and
- (b) the Council must issue the card to the applicant through the IMI immediately.

PART 4

European professional cards for the provision of occasional nursing services in a relevant European State other than the United Kingdom

Issue of European professional card for the provision of occasional nursing services in a host State other than the United Kingdom

12.—(1) This paragraph applies if—

- (a) a person (“P”) makes an EPC application to the Council for the purposes of providing occasional nursing services (which do not fall within article 7(4) of the Directive) in one or more relevant European States other than the United Kingdom; and
- (b) P's home State is the United Kingdom.

(2) P must submit with the EPC application the documents listed in paragraphs (a) to (c) of Part B of Annex 2 to the Implementing Regulation 2015 (in addition to the information required in accordance with article 4 of the Implementing Regulation 2015 that is relevant to the application).

(3) Within the period of one week beginning with the date on which the Council receives the EPC application, the Council must acknowledge receipt of the application and inform P of any missing document.

(4) The Council must within three weeks of the relevant day—

- (a) consider P's EPC application, the authenticity and validity of the supporting documents and whether P is qualified as an automatically recognised nurse;
- (b) decide whether to approve or refuse the application and whether to issue the European professional card; and

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- (c) transmit its decision (under paragraph (b)) and, if issued, the European professional card, to the competent authority of each host State concerned and, at the same time, inform P of its decision (also see paragraph 6: duty to give reasons and to notify of right of appeal).
- (5) Unless its period of validity is extended under paragraph 13, a European professional card issued under this paragraph expires 18 months after the date on which it is issued.
- (6) In this paragraph, “the relevant day” means the later of—
 - (a) the day which falls one week after the day on which the Council receives the EPC application; or
 - (b) the day on which the last relevant document is received by the Council.
- (7) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (6), “relevant document” means—
 - (a) any previously missing document; or
 - (b) any document that is requested by the Council in connection with the EPC application before the day described in sub-paragraph (6)(a).

Variation of a European professional card for the provision of occasional nursing services in a host State other than the United Kingdom

13.—(1) This paragraph applies to an automatically recognised nurse (“P”) who holds a European professional card issued under paragraph 12.

(2) If P wishes to provide relevant nursing services after the end of the period of 18 months beginning with the date on which the card was issued, P may apply to the Council for the period of validity of the card to be extended by 18 months or such shorter period as may be specified in the application.

(3) If P wishes to provide relevant nursing services in a host State not already specified on the card, P may apply to the Council for the list of host States specified on the card to be supplemented with the addition of such relevant European States as may be specified in the application.

(4) An application under sub-paragraph (2) or (3) must be accompanied by details of any material changes to documentation or information that—

- (a) was, pursuant to the Implementing Regulation 2015, provided to the Council with the EPC application under paragraph 12; and
- (b) is recorded in P's IMI file.

(5) After considering an application under sub-paragraph (2) or (3), the Council must—

- (a) accept the application (see sub-paragraph (6)); or
- (b) if it appears to the Council that P is not, or may not be, entitled to hold a European professional card, reject the application and inform P of its decision (also see paragraph 6: duty to give reasons and to notify of right of appeal).

(6) If the Council accepts the application, the Council must—

- (a) issue an amended European professional card;
- (b) transmit the card to the competent authority of each host State specified on the card; and
- (c) notify P.

(7) In this paragraph, “relevant nursing services” means occasional nursing services that are provided or to be provided in a relevant European State other than the United Kingdom.

PART 5

European professional card: requirements and entitlements as to registration

Requirement to register: establishment cases

14.—(1) A person (“P”) who holds a valid European professional card for establishment in the United Kingdom is not entitled to practise as a nurse in the United Kingdom on the basis of establishment unless P complies with any requirements of, or under, this Order as to registration in the United Kingdom on that basis.

(2) For the purposes of registration, P is not required to resubmit any document or evidence which is contained in P’s IMI file and which is still valid.

Entitlement to registration: provision of occasional nursing services

15.—(1) This paragraph applies to a person (“P”) who holds a valid European professional card, in relation to the provision of occasional nursing services in the United Kingdom, which—

- (a) has been transmitted to the Council through the IMI by the competent authority of P’s home State (pursuant to article 4c of the Directive); or
- (b) has been issued by the Council under regulation 52 of the General Systems Regulations.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraphs (3) to (6)—

- (a) P is entitled to be entered in the register and the Council must give effect to that entitlement; and
- (b) if P is not entered in the register, P is treated as being so entered.

(3) If P’s European professional card has been issued by the Council under regulation 52 of the General Systems Regulations, P’s entitlement to be entered in the register ceases at the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the date on which the Council issued P’s card.

(4) This sub-paragraph applies if—

- (a) P’s European professional card is, or becomes, invalid;
- (b) P is subject to a disqualifying decision; or
- (c) P becomes established as a nurse in the United Kingdom.

(5) If sub-paragraph (4) applies—

- (a) the Council may refuse to enter P in, or may remove P from, the register; and
- (b) sub-paragraph (2) ceases to apply.

(6) This paragraph is without prejudice to any other provision of this Order under which the name of a registered nurse may be removed from the register or under which the registration of a registered nurse may be suspended.

PART 6

Conditions in relation to fitness to practise

Conditions in relation to fitness to practise: providers of occasional nursing services

16.—(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies in relation to a person (“P”) who—

- (a) falls within paragraph 15(1); and

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(b) is entered in the register.

(2) If it falls to be decided whether P's fitness to practise is or may be impaired on the ground of misconduct for any of the purposes of this Order, then "misconduct" includes any act or omission by P during the course of P's provision of occasional nursing services—

- (a) which constitutes a breach of a condition or limitation to which P is subject in relation to P's practice as a nurse in P's home State; or
- (b) which would constitute a breach of the condition or limitation mentioned in paragraph (a) if that condition or limitation applied in relation to P's practice as a nurse outside of P's home State.]

SCHEDULE 3

Article 40

[^{F229}DIRECTIVE 2005/36: FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER ARTICLE 40(2)

Textual Amendments

F229 Sch. 3 substituted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), 172

| <i>Provision of Directive</i> | <i>Function of Council</i> |
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| [^{F230} Article 4a | Ensuring that the holder of a European professional card benefits from all of the rights conferred by articles 4b to 4e of the Directive. Charging reasonable fees to cover the costs of processing applications for or in relation to European professional cards under Schedule 2B and under Part 4 of the General Systems Regulations. |
| Article 4b | Enabling nurses responsible for general care to apply for a European professional card in accordance with Schedule 2B and in accordance with Part 4 of the General Systems Regulations. |
| Article 4c | Verifying the application and supporting documents in the IMI file and issuing the European professional card for nurses responsible for general care for the temporary and occasional provision of nursing services other than those covered by article 7(4) of the Directive. |
| Article 4d | Verifying the authenticity and validity of the application and supporting documents in the IMI file for the purpose of issuing the European professional card for nurses responsible for general care for establishment or for the temporary and occasional provision of nursing services under article 7(4) of the Directive. |
| Article 4e | Updating, in a timely manner, the IMI file of a holder of a European professional card with information about disciplinary actions or criminal sanctions regarding a prohibition or restriction and which have consequences for |

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- the pursuit of any professional activities by that person the under the Directive.
- Article 4f Considering applications for partial access to the profession of nursing and midwifery under regulations 10 and 11 of the General Systems Regulations.]
- Article 7(2)(b) Issuing certificates containing attestations in relation to persons established in the United Kingdom as nurses responsible for general care or midwives.
- Article 8(1) [^{F231}In the event of justified doubts, receiving] information from, or providing information to, other competent authorities in relation to—
- (a) the legality of a person's establishment as a nurse responsible for general care or midwife;
 - (b) the good conduct of such a person;
 - (c) the absence of any disciplinary or criminal sanctions of a professional nature against such a person.
- [^{F232}Receiving information from, or providing information to, other competent authorities in relation to a person's training courses to the extent necessary to assess substantial differences likely to be harmful to public health and safety.]
- Article 8(2) Receiving information from, or providing information to, other competent authorities in connection with the investigation of complaints made against persons providing services as a nurse responsible for general care or as a midwife.
- Article 23(1) Issuing certificates of effective and lawful practice in the United Kingdom to—
- (a) nurses responsible for general care; and
 - (b) midwives.
- Article 23(6) Issuing certificates stating—
- (a) that UK nursing qualifications, which do not correspond to the titles set out in respect of the United Kingdom at point 5.2.2 of Annex V to the Directive, certify successful completion of nursing training that is in accordance with article 31 of the Directive (training of nurses responsible for general care) or that under article 22(a) of the Directive (part-time training) is to be treated as in accordance with article 31 of the Directive;
 - (b) that UK midwifery qualifications, which do not correspond to the titles set out in respect of the United Kingdom at point 5.5.2 of Annex V to the Directive, certify successful completion of training in midwifery that is in accordance with article 40 of the Directive (training of midwives) or that under article 22(a) of the Directive is to be treated as in accordance with article 40 of the Directive.
- Article 41 Issuing certificates of professional practice in the United Kingdom to midwives.

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- Article 43(1) Issuing certificates of effective and lawful practice in the United Kingdom to midwives.
- Article 50(1) and paragraph 1(d) of Annex VII Issuing, in respect of practice as a nurse responsible for general care or as a midwife, the certificates of current professional status referred to in sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph 1 of Annex VII to the Directive within the time limits set by that sub-paragraph.
- Article 50(1) and paragraph 2 of Annex VII Issuing certificates stating that evidence of UK nursing qualifications or UK midwifery qualifications is that covered by the Directive.
- Article 50(2) In cases of justified doubts—
- (a) requiring confirmation of the authenticity of non-UK nursing qualifications or non-UK midwifery qualifications;
 - (b) requiring confirmation that holders of non-UK nursing qualifications or non-UK midwifery qualifications satisfy the minimum training conditions set out in article 31 or 40 of the Directive (as the case may be) or under article 22(a) of the Directive are to be treated as satisfying those conditions;
 - (c) providing confirmation to competent authorities of other relevant European States of the authenticity of any person's UK nursing qualifications or UK midwifery qualifications;
 - (d) providing confirmation that holders of UK nursing qualifications or UK midwifery qualifications satisfy the minimum training conditions set out in article 31 or 40 of the Directive (as the case may be) or under article 22(a) of the Directive are to be treated as satisfying those conditions.
- Article 50(3) In cases of justified doubts—
- (a) verifying information provided in connection with non-UK nursing qualifications or non-UK midwifery qualifications awarded following training in a relevant European State other than the State in which the qualification was awarded;
 - (b) providing information in connection with a person's UK nursing qualifications or UK midwifery qualifications awarded following training in another relevant European State.
- [^{F233} Article 50(3a) In the event of justified doubts, seeking confirmation from, or providing confirmation to, other competent authorities of the fact that the applicant is not suspended or prohibited from the pursuit of the profession of nursing and midwifery as a result of serious professional misconduct or conviction

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| | of criminal offences relating to the pursuit of any of the applicant's professional activities. |
| Article 50(3b) | Ensuring that the exchange of information under article 50 of the Directive with other competent authorities takes place through the IMI.] |
| [^{F234} Article 53 | Ensuring that any language controls imposed on a nurse or midwife are compliant with article 53 of the Directive.] |
| Article 56(1) | Ensuring the confidentiality of information exchanged with other competent authorities. |
| Article 56(2) | Receiving information from, or providing information to, other competent authorities regarding disciplinary action, criminal sanctions or other serious circumstances likely to have consequences for the practice of the professions of nurse responsible for general care or midwife. Where such information is received by the Council— (a) examining the veracity of the circumstances; (b) deciding the nature and scope of any investigations that need to be carried out; (c) informing other competent authorities of the Council's conclusions.] |
| | [^{F235} Ensuring that the processing of personal data for the purposes of the exchange of information in accordance with article 56(2) of the Directive is carried out in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC and Directive 2002/58/EC and through the IMI.] |
| [^{F236} Article 56(2a) | Ensuring that the exchange of information carried out in accordance with article 56(2) of the Directive takes place through the IMI. |
| Article 56a (1) and (2) | Informing all other competent authorities, by way of an alert through the IMI, about a nurse or midwife whose professional activities have been restricted or prohibited, even temporarily, within three days from the date of adoption of the decision; ensuring the information provided is limited to the information referred to in article 56a(2) of the Directive. |
| Article 56a(3) | Informing all other competent authorities, by way of an alert through the IMI, about the identity of professionals who have applied for registration and who have been subsequently found to have used falsified evidence of professional qualifications, within three days from the date of the finding. |
| Article 56a(4) | Ensuring that the processing of personal data for the purposes of the exchange of information under article 56a(1) and (3) of the Directive is carried out in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC and Directive 2002/58/EC . |

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| Article 56a(5) | Informing all other competent authorities through the IMI without delay when— (a) a prohibition or a restriction referred to in article 56a(1) of the Directive has expired; (b) there is a change to the prohibition period notified under article 56a(2) of the Directive. |
| Article 56a(6) | Notifying the nurse or midwife, in respect of whom an alert is sent under article 56a(1) or (3) of the Directive, in writing at the same time as the alert is sent, that the nurse or midwife— (a) is the subject of an alert sent under article 56a(1) or (3) of the Directive; (b) has the right to appeal the decision or to apply for rectification of the decision; (c) has the right to access remedies in respect of any damage caused by false alerts sent to other competent authorities. Informing competent authorities, where applicable, that an alert is the subject of appeal proceedings by the nurse or midwife. |
| Article 56a(7) | Ensuring that an alert made under article 56a(1) of the Directive is deleted from the IMI within three days of— (a) the date of adoption of the revoking decision; or (b) the expiry of the prohibition or restriction referred to in that article. |
| Article 57a(1) | Ensuring that all requirements, procedures and formalities relating to the recognition of qualifications as a nurse or a midwife may be easily completed by the applicant remotely and by electronic means.] |

Textual Amendments

- F230** Words in Sch. 3 inserted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **70(2)** (with reg. 155)
- F231** Words in Sch. 3 substituted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **70(3)(a)** (with reg. 155)
- F232** Words in Sch. 3 inserted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **70(3)(b)** (with reg. 155)
- F233** Words in Sch. 3 inserted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **70(4)** (with reg. 155)
- F234** Words in Sch. 3 Table inserted (18.1.2016) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **42**; S.I. 2015/1451, **art. 4**
- F235** Words in Sch. 3 inserted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **70(5)** (with reg. 155)
- F236** Words in Sch. 3 inserted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **70(6)** (with reg. 155)

SCHEDULE 4

Article 2

INTERPRETATION

Commencement Information

- I122** Sch. 4 in force at 22.3.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56510, published 15.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I123** Sch. 4 in force at 1.4.2002 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I124** Sch. 4 in force at 22.1.2003 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56816, published 10.1.2003), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I125** Sch. 4 in force at 5.3.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57218, published 27.2.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I126** Sch. 4 in force at 1.8.2004 for specified purposes as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- I127** Sch. 4 in force at 31.7.2006 in so far as not already in force as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58044, published 14.7.2006), see [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#)

In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the 1997 Act” means the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997(3);

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“application for restoration” has the meaning given to it in article 33;

[^{F242}“appropriate cover” is to be construed in accordance with article 12A(3);]

“approved course of education or training” means a course approved under article 15(6)(a);

“approved qualification” has the meaning given to it in articles 13 and 15;

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[^{F244}“competent authority” means any authority or body of a relevant European State designated by that State for the purposes of the Directive as competent to—

(a) receive or issue evidence of qualifications or other information or documents, or

(b) receive applications and take the decisions referred to in the Directive,

in connection with the practice of nursing or midwifery;]

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“the Council” means the Nursing and Midwifery Council established under article 3;

[^{F245}“Directive 95/46/EC” means Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24th October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, as amended from time to time;]

(3) 1997 c. 24.

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[^{F245}“Directive 2002/58/EC” means Directive 2002/58/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12th July 2002 concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector (Directive on privacy and electronic communications), as amended from time to time;]

[^{F246}“the Directive” means Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7th September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications, and references in this Order to the Directive or to any provision of the Directive are references to the Directive, or to that provision of the Directive, as amended from time to time;]

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[^{F245}“European professional card” has the meaning given in the Directive;]

[^{F250}“exempt person”, in relation to the profession of nursing or in relation to the profession of midwifery, means—

- (a) a national of a relevant European State other than the United Kingdom;
- (b) a national of the United Kingdom who is seeking access to, or is pursuing, the profession by virtue of an enforceable [^{F224}EU] right; or
- (c) a person who is not a national of a relevant European State but who is, by virtue of an enforceable [^{F224}EU] right, entitled to be treated, for the purposes of access to and pursuit of the profession, no less favourably than a national of a relevant European State;]

[^{F251}“General Systems Regulations” means the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015;]

[^{F245}“IMI” means the Internal Market Information System, the online, secure messaging system developed by the European Commission;]

[^{F245}“IMI file” means a secure personal account in the IMI that is created in relation to an applicant for a European professional card by means of an online tool provided by the European Commission;]

[^{F242}“indemnity arrangement” is to be construed in accordance with article 12A(2);]

[^{F252}“lay member” shall be construed in accordance with paragraph 1A(1)(b) of Schedule 1;]

“lay person” means, in relation to Screeners, a person who is not and never has been a member of a health or social care profession which is regulated under any enactment;

“licensing body” means a regulatory body which has the function of authorising persons to practise a health or social care profession;

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“national”, in relation to [^{F255}a relevant European State], means the same as it does for the purposes of the [^{F224}EU] Treaties [^{F256}but does not include a person who by virtue of Article 2 of Protocol No. 3 (Channel Islands and Isle of Man) to the Treaty of Accession is not to benefit from [^{F224}EU] provisions relating to the free movement of persons and services.];

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[^{F257}“the necessary knowledge of English”—

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- (a) in relation to a person registered, or applying to be registered, as a nurse means a knowledge of English which is necessary for the safe and effective practice of nursing in the United Kingdom;
- (b) in relation to a person registered, or applying to be registered, as a midwife means a knowledge of English which is necessary for the safe and effective practice of midwifery in the United Kingdom;]

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“parties”, except in respect of article 53, means the Council and the person concerned except in respect of article 37 when it includes the Registrar;

[^{F259}“Practice Committees” has the meaning given to it in article 3(10);]

“practising” means working as a registered nurse or midwife;

“prescribed” means prescribed in rules made by the Council;

“the professions regulated under this Order” means the professions of nursing and midwifery;

“register” means the register established and maintained under article 5;

“registrant” means a member of the profession of nursing or midwifery who has been admitted to the register maintained under article 5;

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“Registrar” means the person appointed under article 4;

[^{F260}“relevant European State” means an EEA State or Switzerland;]

“Screeners” means persons appointed under article 23;

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“standards of proficiency” means the standards established by the Council under article 5(2);

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“United Kingdom country” means England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

[^{F265}“visiting nurse or midwife from a relevant European State” means a nurse or midwife registered in exercise of entitlement under article 39A (visiting general systems nurses from relevant European States) or Schedule 2A (visiting midwives, and certain visiting nurses, from relevant European States); and]

“visitors” means persons appointed under article 16.

Textual Amendments

F237 Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **173(a)**

F238 Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **173(b)**

F239 Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **173(c)**

F240 Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **173(d)**

F241 Words in Sch. 4 omitted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by virtue of [The Nursing and Midwifery \(Amendment\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1485\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 11(a)**

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- F242** Words in Sch. 4 inserted (17.7.2014) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Indemnity Arrangements) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1887), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 29**
- F243** Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(e)**
- F244** Words in Sch. 4 substituted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(f)**
- F245** Words in Sch. 4 inserted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **71(3)** (with reg. 155)
- F246** Words in Sch. 4 inserted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(g)**
- F247** Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(h)**
- F248** Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(i)**
- F249** Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(j)**
- F250** Words in Sch. 4 substituted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(k)**
- F251** Words in Sch. 4 substituted (18.11.2016) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1030), regs. 1, **71(2)** (with reg. 155)
- F252** Words in Sch. 4 substituted (1.1.2009 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 58904, published 5.12.2008)) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1485), **Sch. 1 para. 11(b)**
- F253** Words in Sch. 4 omitted (31.3.2017) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(2)(c)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 21(b)** (with art. 3)
- F254** Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(m)**
- F255** Words in Sch. 4 substituted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(n)**
- F256** Words in Sch. 4 added (31.12.2003) by The European Qualifications (Health Care Professions) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/3148), regs. 1(1)(c), **4(2)(b)(iii)**
- F257** Words in Sch. 4 inserted (19.10.2015) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **43**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 2(d)
- F258** Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(o)**
- F259** Words in Sch. 4 substituted (28.7.2017) by The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 21(c)** (with art. 3)
- F260** Words in Sch. 4 inserted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(p)**
- F261** Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(q)**
- F262** Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(r)**
- F263** Words in Sch. 4 omitted (28.7.2017) by virtue of The Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/321), art. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 21(d)** (with art. 3)
- F264** Words in Sch. 4 omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(s)**
- F265** Words in Sch. 4 inserted (3.12.2007) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101), regs. 1(2), **173(t)**

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SCHEDULE 5

Article 54

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO PRIMARY LEGISLATION

The Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (c. 13)

1. In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (Departments etc. subject to investigation), the entry relating to the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting shall be omitted.

Commencement Information

I128 Sch. 5 para. 1 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

Medicines Act 1968 (c. 67)

2. In section 58 of the Medicines Act 1968 (medicinal products on prescription only)—
- (a) for subsection (1)(d) there shall be substituted—
 - “(d) registered nurses or midwives who are of such a description and comply with such conditions as may be specified in the order”;
 - (b) in subsection (4)(a), for the words “a registered nurse, midwife or health visitor,” there shall be substituted “a registered nurse or midwife.”

Commencement Information

I129 Sch. 5 para. 2 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

The Fair Trading Act 1973 (c. 41)

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Textual Amendments

F266 Sch. 5 para. 3 revoked (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1398), art. 1, Sch. para. 44

The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24)

4. In Part III of Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (other disqualifying offices), the entry relating to the Chairman of any of the National Boards for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting mentioned in section 5 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997 or any member of those Boards appointed at a salary, shall be omitted.

Commencement Information

I130 Sch. 5 para. 4 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

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The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25)

5. In Part III of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (other disqualifying offices), the entry relating to the Chairman of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Northern Ireland or member of that Board appointed at a salary, shall be omitted.

Commencement Information

I131 Sch. 5 para. 5 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

PROSPECTIVE

National Health Service Act 1977 (c. 49)

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Textual Amendments

F267 Sch. 5 para. 6 revoked (1.3.2007) by National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), s. 8(2), Sch. 4

The Interpretation Act 1978

7. In Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 (words and expressions defined), for the definition of “Registered” in relation to nurses, midwives and health visitors there shall be substituted—

““Registered” in relation to nurses and midwives, means registered in the register maintained under article 5 of the Nurses and Midwives Order 2001 by virtue of qualifications in nursing or midwifery, as the case may be.”.

Commencement Information

I132 Sch. 5 para. 7 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

The Registered Homes Act 1984 (c. 23)

8. In section 42 of the Registered Homes Act 1984 (tribunal for appeals relating to nursing homes (including maternity homes) and mental nursing homes) in subsection (4)(a), for “the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997” there shall be substituted “the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001.”.

Commencement Information

I133 Sch. 5 para. 8 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

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The Video Recordings Act 1984 (c. 39)

9. In section 3 of the Video Recordings Act 1984 (exempted supplies), in subsection (11), for “the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997”, there shall be substituted “the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001”.

Commencement Information

I134 Sch. 5 para. 9 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

Children Act 1989 (c. 41)

10. In the Children Act 1989—

- (a) in section 45 (duration of emergency protection orders and other supplemental provisions), in subsection (12), for the words “registered health visitor” there shall be substituted “registered midwife”;
- (b) in section 48 (powers to assist in discovery of children who may be in need of emergency protection), in subsection (11), for the words “registered health visitor”, there shall be substituted “registered midwife”; and
- (c) in section 102 (power of constable to assist in exercise of certain powers to search for children or inspect premises) in subsection (3), for the words “registered health visitor”, there shall be substituted “registered midwife”.

Commencement Information

I135 Sch. 5 para. 10 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

The Registered Homes (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I.1992/3204 (NI 20))

11. In Article 32 of the Registered Homes (Northern Ireland) Order 1992, paragraph (2)(b), for “section 7 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997” there shall be substituted “article 5 of the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001”.

Commencement Information

I136 Sch. 5 para. 11 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

The Value Added Tax Act 1994 (c. 23)

12. In Part II of Schedule 9 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994 (exempt supplies of goods and services), for item 1(d) in Group 7 (health and welfare), there shall be substituted “the register of qualified nurses and midwives maintained under article 5 of the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001”.

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Commencement Information

I137 Sch. 5 para. 12 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

Employment Rights Act 1996 (c. 18)

13. In section 55 of the Employment Rights Act 1996 (right to time off for ante-natal care), in each of subsections (1)(b) and (2)(a) for “registered health visitor”, there shall be substituted “registered nurse”.

Commencement Information

I138 Sch. 5 para. 13 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

Data Protection Act 1998 (c. 29)

14. In section 69 of the Data Protection Act (meaning of “health professional”), in section (1), for subsection (e), there shall be substituted—

“(e) a registered nurse or midwife”.

Commencement Information

I139 Sch. 5 para. 14 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38)

15. In Part III of Schedule 4 to the Government of Wales Act 1998 (public bodies subject to reform by the Assembly which may only gain functions), paragraph 17 shall be omitted.

Commencement Information

I140 Sch. 5 para. 15 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

The Health Act 1999 (c. 8)

16. In the Health Act 1999—

- (a) in section 60 (regulation of health care and associated professions), in subsection (2), in paragraph (b), for “the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997” there shall be substituted “the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001”; and
- (b) in Schedule 3 (regulation of health care and associated professions), in paragraph 8 (certain functions not to be transferred from regulatory body), in sub-paragraph (3) “or the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997” shall be omitted.

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Commencement Information

I141 Sch. 5 para. 16 in force at 1.8.2004 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 57361, published 21.7.2004), see art. 1(2)(3)

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36)

17. In Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (public authorities), in Part VI (other public bodies and offices: general)—

- (a) the entries for the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting and the Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting shall be omitted; and
- (b) the entry for the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, shall be omitted and “The Nursing and Midwifery Council.” shall be inserted in the appropriate place.

Commencement Information

I142 Sch. 5 para. 17 in force at 1.4.2002 as notified in the London Gazette (Issue 56517, published 25.3.2002), see art. 1(2)(3)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for the regulation of nurses and midwives and creates a regulatory body, the Nursing and Midwifery Council, which is required to set standards of education, training, conduct and performance and to put in place arrangements to ensure that they are met (article 3). It provides for the Council to keep a register of qualified nurses and midwives and creates four statutory committees: the Investigating Committee, Conduct and Competence Committee, Health Committee and Midwifery Committee (article 3(9)). The Order replaces the regulatory system provided for by the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997.

The Order provides for the Council to set standards and requirements to be satisfied before a person may be admitted to the register (article 5) and to deal with applications for registration, renewal of registration or readmittance in accordance with Part III and rules made under it. Articles 13 and 14 indicate the qualifications on which registration may be based. The register is to be published (article 8).

The Order provides in Part IV for the Council to establish standards of education and training necessary for admission to the register; to make arrangements to ensure that those standards are met; and to approve qualifications, courses and institutions which meet its standards (articles 15 to 18). The Council may also provide for post-registration training and require a nurse or midwife who has not practised for some time to undertake additional training (article 19). The Order provides for the Council to liaise with educational institutions (article 3 and Part IV).

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Part V provides for the Council to establish and keep under review standards of conduct, performance and ethics expected of registrants and prospective registrants; to issue guidance on these matters and to make arrangements to ensure that action is taken when the fitness to practise of a nurse or midwife is impaired by reason of misconduct, lack of competence or ill-health (articles 21 and 22). Part V sets out the procedure to be followed in investigating whether the fitness to practise of a registrant is impaired. Preliminary consideration may be given by Screeners and the Investigating Committee (articles 22 to 24 and 26) and if it appears that there is a case to answer the matter will be considered by the Conduct and Competence Committee or the Health Committee (article 29). There is also provision to investigate whether an entry on the register has been fraudulently procured or incorrectly made and for the Investigating Committee to take action if it has (article 26(7)). Orders and decisions of the Practice Committees may be reviewed (articles 26(12) and 30). The Committees may, where they consider it to be in the public interest or in the interest of the registrant concerned, make interim orders to take effect before a final decision is given in a case or pending an appeal (article 31). Rules are to be made for the procedure to be followed by the Committees and the Council in considering cases referred to them (article 32(2), relevant parts of which are applied to the Investigating Committee and the Council by articles 26 and 37 respectively). A person who has been struck off the register may apply to be restored to it and article 33 sets out the procedure to be followed and the circumstances in which the application may be granted. The Council shall appoint legal assessors (article 34) and may appoint medical and registrant assessors (articles 35 and 36) to assist those considering, amongst others, registration and fitness to practise issues.

Part VI relates to appeals. A person may appeal to the Council from a decision of the Registrar concerning registration and article 37 sets out the procedure to be followed. Article 38 provides that appeals from decisions of the Health Committee or Conduct and Competence Committee are to the High Court (or, in Scotland, the Court of Session), and, from the Investigating Committee or Council, to the county court (or, in Scotland, the sheriff).

Part VII and Schedule 3 apply to qualifications to be recognised under EC law as it applies in the States which are party to the agreement on the European Economic Area (the “EEA”) and the Order implements the Directives on nursing and midwifery (Directives 77/452 and 77/453—nurses—and 80/154 and 80/155—midwives—as amended).

Part VIII relates to the Midwifery Committee whose role is to advise the Council on matters which affect midwifery. It provides for rules to be made regulating midwifery practice and for supervision of midwives by local supervising authorities.

Part IX provides for certain actions to be offences. These are, principally, where a person falsely represents himself as being registered or having professional qualifications or uses a title to which he is not entitled; or, although not falling within the specified categories, attends a woman in childbirth.

Part X contains provisions on miscellaneous matters such as consultation by the Council before it makes rules (article 47); approval by the Privy Council of rules and the procedure which applies (articles 47 and 48); the powers of the Privy Council to take action if it considers that the Council has failed to perform its functions (article 49) and to hold an inquiry into any matter connected with the exercise by the Council of its functions (article 53). The Council is required to publish annual reports (article 50) and to keep proper accounts (article 52).

Schedule 1 provides for the constitution of the elected Council; provisions relating to the election scheme and the procedure of the Council and statutory committees.

Article 54 and Schedule 2 relate to transitional provisions including the conduct of business before an elected Council comes into being. Schedule 4 relates to interpretation. Consequential amendments to primary legislation are set out in Schedule 5.

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