
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 254

The Health Professions Order 2001

PART III REGISTRATION

PROSPECTIVE

Approved qualifications

12.—(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;
 - (b) he is an EEA national and has a qualification to which the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 1991 or, as the case may be, the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Second General System) Regulations 1996 apply; or
 - (c) he has, elsewhere than in the United Kingdom, undergone training in one of the relevant professions and either—
 - (i) holds a qualification which the Council is satisfied 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; and, in either case,
 - (iii) he is not an EEA national or exempt person and he satisfies prescribed requirements as to knowledge of English.
- (2) The Education and Training Committee 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.

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- art. 12(1) modified by [S.I. 2012/1480 art. 14\(2\)-\(6\)](#)
- art. 12(1) word omitted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 12(1)(a) word inserted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 9\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- art. 12(1)(b) omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 9\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- art. 12(1)(b) substituted by [S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 272\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- art. 12(1)(b) word inserted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 17\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 12(1)(c)(iii) substituted by [S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 272\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- art. 12(1)(c)(iii) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 9\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- art. 12(2) word omitted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 12(2)(a) word inserted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 17\(3\)\(a\)](#)

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- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3-68-10](#)

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

- [Sch. 1 para. 1A\(1\)\(b\)\(ia\)](#) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 213\(5\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 19\(10A\)-\(10C\)](#) inserted by [2015 c. 28 Sch. para. 6\(4\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 1\(2A\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 17\(1\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 1\(5\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 18\(b\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 9\(1A\)\(1B\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 17\(1\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 9\(1C\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 18\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 1A\(1\)\(b\)\(ia\)](#) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 26](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 1A\(4\)](#) omitted by [S.I. 2013/235 Sch. 2 para. 52](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 16A](#) revoked by [2006 c. 28 Sch. 8 para. 48](#)[Sch. 9](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 17\(1\)-\(2B\)](#) substituted for [Sch. 1 para. 17\(1\)\(2\)](#) by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 15\(7\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 1A1B](#) substituted for [Sch. 1 paras. 1-12](#) by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 15\(2\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 16A](#) inserted by [2003 c. 43 Sch. 12 para. 8](#)
- [Sch. 2 para. 25-27](#) added by [S.I. 2004/2033 art. 3\(3\)\(f\)](#)
- [Sch. 2 para. 25](#) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- [Sch. 2 para. 26](#) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- [Sch. 2 para. 27](#) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- [Sch. 2 para. 3\(4A\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2004/2033 art. 3\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- [art. 3\(4\)\(4A\)](#) substituted for [art. 3\(4\)](#) by [2015 c. 28 Sch. para. 6\(2\)](#)
- [art. 3\(5\)-\(5B\)](#) substituted for [art. 3\(5\)](#) by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 1\(a\)](#)
- [art. 3\(5\)\(b\)\(vi\)\(vii\)](#) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- [art. 3\(5\)\(b\)\(vi\)\(vii\)](#) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 11\(2\)\(c\)](#)

- art. 3(5AA) inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(3)
- art. 3(5AA) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 11(3)
- art. 3(5ZA) inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 218(3)
- art. 3(7A) inserted by S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 1(c)
- art. 3(17A) inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(4)
- art. 6(3)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 267
- art. 6(3)(aa) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 3
- art. 6(3)(aa) words inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(5)
- art. 6(3)(aa) words omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 12
- art. 7(4) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 268
- art. 7(4) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 4
- art. 7(4) words inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(5)(b)
- art. 7(4) words omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 13
- art. 9(2)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 12(d)
- art. 9(3A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 12(e)
- art. 9(3A) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 14(2)
- art. 9(8) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 270(d)
- art. 9(8) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 6(c)
- art. 9(8) words inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(5)(b)
- art. 9(8) words omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 14(3)
- art. 9A inserted (temp.) by 2020 c. 7 Sch. 1 para. 2(2)
- art. 10(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 13(d)
- art. 10(4)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 13(e)
- art. 10(6) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 271(b)
- art. 10(6) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 7(b)
- art. 10(6) words inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(6)
- art. 10(6) words omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 15(2)
- art. 10(7) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 13(f)
- art. 10(7) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 15(3)
- art. 11A inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 14
- art. 11A(11) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 16
- art. 11A(12) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 8
- art. 12(1)(c)(III) coming into force by S.I. 2002/254 art. 1(3)
- art. 12(1)(d) and word inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(7)(b)
- art. 12(1)(d) and word omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 17(2)(b)
- art. 12(1)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 147(2)
- art. 12(1)(ba) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 9(a)(ii)
- art. 12(1A) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 272(b)
- art. 12(1A) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 9(b)
- art. 12(2)(c) and word inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(8)(b)
- art. 12(2)(c) and word omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 17(3)(b)
- art. 13(1)(c) substituted by S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 3(a)
- art. 13(1)(d) words added by S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 3(b)
- art. 13(1B) inserted by S.I. 2012/1479 art. 2(b)
- art. 13(1B) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 18(3)
- art. 13A inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 273
- art. 13A omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 10
- art. 13A title substituted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(5)(a)
- art. 13A heading words substituted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 19
- art. 13A(2) substituted by S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 148(2)
- art. 13A(5) word substituted by S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 148(3)(a)
- art. 13A(5) word substituted by S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 148(3)(b)
- art. 13B inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(9)
- art. 13B omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 20
- art. 14(ba) inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 218(4)
- art. 14(ba) omitted by S.I. 2022/1216 reg. 3(b)
- art. 15A15B inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 218(5)

- art. 15A omitted by [S.I. 2018/893 reg. 41\(4\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the date that 2017 c. 16, s. 39(1) comes into force. That provision is brought into force on 2.12.2019 by S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b))
- art. 15B omitted by [S.I. 2018/893 reg. 41\(5\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the date that 2017 c. 16, s. 39(1) comes into force. That provision is brought into force on 2.12.2019 by S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b))
- art. 17(3A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 218\(7\)](#)
- art. 17(3A) omitted by [S.I. 2018/893 reg. 41\(7\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the date that 2017 c. 16, s. 39(1) comes into force. That provision is brought into force on 2.12.2019 by S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b))
- art. 18(1A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 218\(8\)](#)
- art. 18(1A) omitted by [S.I. 2018/893 reg. 41\(8\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the date that 2017 c. 16, s. 39(1) comes into force. That provision is brought into force on 2.12.2019 by S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b))
- art. 19(2A)-(2D) inserted by [S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 274](#)
- art. 19(2A)-(2D) omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 11](#)
- art. 19(2A)(b) words inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(10\)](#)
- art. 19(2A)(b) words omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 21](#)
- art. 22(1)(a)(vi)(vii) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 5](#) (This effect comes into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47). S. 44(1) was repealed without ever being in force on 10.9.2012 by 2012 c. 9, s. 75(6), Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2)
- art. 26(6A) inserted by [2015 c. 28 Sch. para. 6\(3\)](#)
- art. 37(1)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 275](#)
- art. 37(1)(aa) omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 12](#)
- art. 37(1)(aa) words inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 37(1)(aa) words omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 23\(2\)](#)
- art. 37(1)(ab) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 16\(a\)](#)
- art. 37(1A)(1B) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 16\(b\)](#)
- art. 37(1B) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 23\(3\)](#)
- art. 37(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 16\(c\)](#)
- art. 37(5A) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 9\(b\)](#)
- art. 37(5A)(a) words inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 216\(2\)](#)
- art. 37(5A)(a) words omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 23\(4\)](#)
- art. 37(8A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 216\(4\)](#)
- art. 37(8A) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 23\(6\)](#)
- art. 38(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 276\(b\)](#)
- art. 38(1A) omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 13\(b\)](#)
- art. 38(1A)(c)-(e) inserted by [S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 149\(2\)](#)
- art. 38(1B) inserted (temp.) by [2020 c. 7 Sch. 1 para. 2\(4\)](#)
- art. 38(1ZA) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 216\(5\)](#)
- art. 38(1ZA) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 24\(2\)](#)
- art. 38(5) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 216\(7\)](#)
- art. 38(5) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 24\(4\)](#)
- art. 39(1A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(12\)](#)
- art. 39(1A) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 25](#)
- art. 40(3) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#) (See transitional provisions in S.I. 2003/1700)
- art. 40(3) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- art. 42(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 12\(a\)](#)
- art. 42(3)(3A) substituted for art. 42(3) by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 12\(b\)](#)
- art. 44A inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 219\(1\)](#)
- art. 45(3A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 218\(11\)](#)
- art. 49 inserted by [S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 150](#)
- art. 49 omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 14](#)