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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 254

The Health Professions Order 2001

PART V

FITNESS TO PRACTISE

PROSPECTIVE

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 statutory 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 Part 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.

(6) No person shall be a legal assessor if he is—

- (a) a member of the Council;
- (b) a member of a statutory 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;

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(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

II Art. 34 not in force at made date, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)

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- Order title substituted by [2012 c. 7 s. 213\(6\)](#)
- Order title substituted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 45](#)
- art. 34 coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#) (See transitional provisions in [S.I. 2003/1700](#))
- art. 34(4) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)

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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