

SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS FROM OFFICE) RULES 2004

Suspension or removal from office

7.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) of this rule, a period of suspension under rule 5 shall not exceed six months.

(2) The Council shall review any suspension, including a period of suspension under paragraph (4)(b), before the period of suspension expires, if at the end of that period the member would, unless a further period of suspension is directed, have resumed office.

(3) The Council may at any time review a suspension, and it shall review a suspension after three months if so requested by the member.

(4) Where the Council review a suspension under this rule, they may—

(a) revoke the suspension, in which case it shall cease to have effect, or

(b) suspend the member from office for a further period of not more than six months from the expiry of the current period of suspension.

(5) Where the Council make a decision to suspend the member under paragraph (4)(b), rule 6 shall apply as it applies to a suspension under rule 5.