
Health Professions Council – 11 February 2010

The Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees)
(Amendment) Rules 2010

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

At the last meeting of Council in December 2009, approval in principle was given to the draft Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2010.

In addition, Council agreed that the Rules could be approved in their final form by means of electronic resolution once the Health Professions (Hearing Aid Dispensers) Order 2010 had been made by the Queen in Council; and subject to the Solicitor to the Council providing a report confirming that either (1) no amendments have been made to the draft Rules or (2) that any amendments which have been made do not constitute material changes to the content of those draft Rules.

Approval by electronic resolution is only used where absolutely necessary. Since there has been a delay in the legislative timetable, the Section 60 not being expected to be made until 10 February, it is now unnecessary to use this mechanism for approval.

The Rules in their final form are therefore before you today for your approval. No changes have been made to them since they were originally presented on 10 December 2001.

Decision

That the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2010 as attached be approved and signed and sealed by the Chair and the Chief Executive and Registrar on behalf of the Council.

Background information

None

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Background papers

None

Appendices

Draft Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees)(Amendment) Rules 2010.

Date of paper

26 January 2010

The Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2010

The Health Professions Council makes the following Rules in exercise of its powers under articles 7(1), 7(2) and 41(2) of the Health Professions Order 2001, having consulted in accordance with articles 7(1), 7(3) and 41(3) of that Order.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2010 and shall come into force on 1st April 2010.

(2) The Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules 2003 are amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Rules.

Amendment of rule 10

2. In rule 10 (registration period)—

(a) after paragraph (2A) insert the following paragraph—

“(2B) The first registration period of a hearing aid dispenser who, on 1st April 2010, is admitted to the register by virtue of article 6(3) of the Health Professions (Hearing Aid Dispensers) Order 2009 (transitory and transitional provisions relating to the introduction of registration of hearing aid dispensers by the HPC), will end on 31st July 2010.”, and

(b) in paragraph (3), for “paragraph (2) or (2A)” substitute “paragraph (2), (2A) or (2B)”;

Amendment of Rule 14

3. In rule 14 (registration fee)—

(a) in paragraph (1), for “paragraph (2) and (3)” substitute “paragraphs (2) to (4)”;

(b) after paragraph (3) insert—

“(4) A person—

(a) who, on 1st April 2010, is admitted to the register by virtue of article 6(3) of the Health Professions (Hearing Aid Dispensers) Order 2009 (transitory and transitional provisions relating to the introduction of registration of hearing aid dispensers by the HPC); and

(b) whose first registration period is determined in accordance with rule 10(2B),

shall not be liable to pay a registration fee in respect of that first registration period.”.

Amendment of Schedule 5

In Schedule 5 (registration period)—

- (a) after the entry in the table in respect of Dietitians in column 1 insert “Hearing Aid Dispensers”, and
- (b) opposite that entry, in column 2 insert “31st July in an even numbered year”.

Sealed with the common seal of the Health Professions Council on [DATE].

Anna van der Gaag
Chair

Marc Seale
Registrar

