

The General Medical Council (Form and Content of the Register) Regulations 2009

The General Medical Council in exercise of its powers under sub-sections (1) & (2) of section 31 of the Medical Act 1983 hereby make the following Regulations.

Citation and Commencement

- 1.- These Regulations may be cited as the General Medical Council (Form and Content of the Register) Regulations 2009 and shall come into force on 16 November 2009.

Interpretation

- 2.- In these Regulations:

“annual retention fee” means a fee prescribed by regulations under section 32(1)(b) of the Medical Act 1983;

“fitness to practise history” means details of any order for suspension or conditions made by the Interim Orders Panel (or prior to 1 November 2004, the Interim Orders Committee) or any order for erasure, suspension or conditions or any reprimand or admonishment made by the Fitness to Practise Panel (or prior to 1 November 2004 by the Professional Conduct Committee, the Committee on Professional Performance or the Health Committee) or any undertakings entered into by a practitioner as a result of fitness to practise proceedings by the GMC or any warning given to a practitioner under the Fitness to Practise Rules 2004 provided that no record of a warning shall be kept after the expiry of the period of five years from its date of issue;

“the Principal List”, “the emergency powers doctors list”, “the visiting overseas doctors list”, and “the list of visiting medical practitioners from relevant European States” mean respectively the lists of those names established in accordance with section 30(1) of the Medical Act 1983;

“the register” means the register of medical practitioners;

“the Registrar” means the Registrar of the GMC;

“the GP register” means the register of general practitioners maintained by the GMC pursuant to article 10(1) of the General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2003;

“the specialist register” means the specialist register established under the European Specialist Medical Qualifications Order 1995;

“Certificates of first registration” means certificates issued to all practitioners on first registration required under paragraph 5(4) of Schedule 3 to the Medical Act 1983.

The form and keeping of the Register

- 3.- (1) The register shall consist of a set of discrete records each relating to a single individual. The register shall be kept in such a manner that individual records may be examined and altered without such processes affecting other records.
- (2) Any system for maintaining the register shall ensure that the addition, deletion or alteration of any record is attributable to a named individual at a specific time.
- 4.- Entries in the register shall distinguish between:
- a. persons who hold full registration;
 - b. persons who hold provisional registration;
 - c. persons who hold temporary full registration under section 27A or 27B of the Medical Act 1983;
 - d. persons who are registered in the list of visiting medical practitioners from relevant European States;
 - e. persons who hold a licence to practise and those who do not;
 - f. persons who are registered in the emergency powers doctors list.

Entries in the register

- 5.- The register shall in respect of each person registered in it contain in addition to his or her full names, qualifications, address and date or dates of provisional and full registration the following particulars:
- a. the year in which the qualifications were granted;
 - b. the GMC reference number allocated;
 - c. any honours or titles held by him or her which for the time being have been approved by the General Medical Council as suitable for inclusion in the register;
 - d. his or her gender;
 - e. in the case of a person registered with temporary full registration under section 27A or 27B of the Medical Act 1983, the date on which registration is due to end and any conditions on registration imposed by virtue of a direction given under section 27A(2) or (3) or 27B(2) or (3);
 - f. in the case of a person registered in the list of visiting medical practitioners from relevant European States the State in which he or she is established and the period for which registration is effective;

- g. the fact that they are in the GP register or the specialist register;
 - h. any exemption granted from the payment of the annual retention fees (including the grounds for such exemption);
 - i. the method of payment of the annual retention fee;
 - j. his or her date of birth;
 - k. his or her fitness to practise history;
 - l. his or her photograph and such other proof of identity which for the time being has been approved by the General Medical Council as suitable for inclusion in the register;
 - m. whether he or she is restricted to practising medicine within an approved practice setting under section 44D of the Medical Act 1983;
 - n. whether or not they hold a licence to practise;
 - o. in the case of a person registered in the emergency powers doctors list, any conditions to which they are subject.
6. On the first registration of any person under sections 3, 14A, 15, 15A, 19, 19A, 21, 21B or 21C, the entry relating to him or her shall be included in the Principal List.
7. The content of certificates of first registration shall include only: the doctor's name; GMC Reference Number; date of entry to the register; type of registration; and (a) in the case of a person registered with temporary full registration under section 27A or 27B of the Medical Act 1983, the date on which the registration is due to end, and any conditions on registration imposed by virtue of a direction given under section 27A(2) or (3) or 27B(2) or (3); (b) in the case of a person registered in the emergency powers doctors list, any conditions on registration specified under section 18A(3) and (4).

Alteration of any entry in the register at the request of a registered person

8. (1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 9 when a person holding full or provisional registration applies to have any alteration made to his or her entry in the register, the Registrar shall, if satisfied that it is correct to do so, alter the register accordingly.
- (2) An application for alteration to an entry in the register shall be supported by such evidence as the Registrar may reasonably require for him to be satisfied about the requested change.
9. (1) A person who applies to alter his or her registered name shall be required to satisfy the Registrar as to his or her identity. The Registrar may require production of any marriage certificate, gender recognition certificate or other proof of identity he reasonable feels necessary to give effect to such an

application. Any case arising under this regulation where there is doubt about evidence of identity provided may be referred to a Registration Panel for advice.

- (2) On the alteration of the name of a person in the register, the Registrar shall also retain in the register the name of the person as previously registered.
10. The General Medical Council (Form and Content of the Registers) (No 2) Regulations 2007 are hereby revoked.

Given under the official seal of the General Medical Council this 20th day of September 2009.

Peter Rubin
Chair

Finlay Scott
Chief Executive and Registrar