

The General Dental Council (Dentists) (Fees) Regulations 2019

The General Dental Council make the following Regulations in exercise of their powers conferred by section 19(1) and (2) and section 52(1A) and (1B) of the Dentists Act 1984¹.

Citation and commencement

1. – (1) These Regulations may be cited as the General Dental Council (Dentists) (Fees) Regulations 2019.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force on 29 October 2019.

(3) In these Regulations, “the renewal date” means 31st December in each year.

Fees

2. (1) The Council hereby prescribe the following fees for the purposes of section 19 of the Dentists Act 1984 (fees):

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| (a) for the first entry of a person’s name in the dentists register: | a fee equivalent to £56.67 for every month or part thereof from the first day of the month in which the entry is made until the renewal date of the year in which the entry is made |
| (b) for the entry of a person’s name in the dentists register on the basis of temporary registration during any period of twelve months: | £ 680.00 |
| (c) for the retention of a person’s name in the dentists register during each period of twelve months following the renewal date: | £680.00 |
| (d) for the restoration of a person’s name to the dentists register: | a fee equivalent to £56.67 for every month or part thereof from the first day of the month in which the entry is made until the renewal date of the year in which the entry is made |

(2) This regulation shall not apply in respect of registration in the list mentioned in section 14(1A)(c) of the Dentists Act 1984.

Refusal to make an entry etc.

3. The registrar may refuse to make in or restore to the dentists register any entry until a fee prescribed by these Regulations has been paid.

Notice of retention fee

4. - (1) The registrar shall send to each person registered in the dentists register no less than 28 days before the renewal date—
(a) notice of the fee prescribed under regulation 2(1)(c); and

¹ 1984 c.24; section 19(1) was amended by S.I. 2007/3101; section 19(2) was amended and section 52(1A) and (1B) were inserted by S.I. 2005/2011

- (b) a warning that failure to pay that fee may result in that person's name being erased from the register.
- (2) The notice and warning required to be sent to a person under paragraph (1) shall be sent to—
- (a) that person's address in the dentists register; or
 - (b) their last known or any other address if it appears to the registrar that a notice and warning so addressed are more likely to reach the person.
5. The fact that the notice and warning required to be sent to a person under regulation 4 have not been received by them shall not—
- (a) prevent the registrar from erasing that person's name under regulation 6; or
 - (b) constitute the grounds for the restoration of that person's name following erasure under regulation 6,
- provided the notice and warning have been sent in accordance with regulation 4.

Erasure for failure to pay retention fee

6. Where a person fails to pay by the renewal date the fee prescribed under regulation 2(1)(c) the registrar may erase that person's name from the register, provided the notice and warning have been sent in accordance with regulation 4.

7. The registrar may decide not to erase a person's name under regulation 6 where there is an outstanding issue concerning—
- (a) that person's fitness to practise as a dentist; or
 - (b) an entry in respect of that person in the dentists register.

Revocation and savings provisions

8. The General Dental Council (Dentists) (Fees) Regulations 2017 ("the 2017 Regulations") are hereby revoked save that:

- (a) until the 31st December 2019, the fee due to the Council under or by virtue of regulation 2(1)(a), (b) or (d) of these Regulations shall be the amount prescribed under the corresponding provision of the 2017 Regulations; and
- (b) any fees due to the Council under or by virtue of the 2017 Regulations shall remain due to the Council as though they were payable under those Regulations and the powers contained in those Regulations in the case of non-payment shall apply in the case of such fees.

Given under the official seal of the General Dental Council on 29 October 2019.

William Moyes
Chair

Ian Brack
Registrar