

The General Dental Council (Professions Complementary To Dentistry) (Visitors) Rules 2006

The General Dental Council make the following Rules in exercise of their powers under section 36D(6) and (7) and section 50C(6) of the Dentists Act 1984^a.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. - (1) These Rules may be cited as the General Dental Council (Professions Complementary to Dentistry) (Visitors) Rules 2006 and shall come into force on 31st July 2006.

(2) In these Rules, “establishment” means an establishment which provides or oversees or which seeks to provide or oversee courses of education or training for persons who seek registration under a title in the dental care professionals register.

Appointment of visitors

2. - (1) The Council shall appoint persons (in these Rules known as visitors) —

- (a) to visit establishments for the purposes of advising and reporting back to the Council upon matters connected with the courses provided at such establishments, including those matters set out in section 36D(6) of the Dentists Act 1984 (education and training for members of professions complementary to dentistry); and
- (b) to attend examinations or other forms of assessment taken by persons attempting to obtain qualifications approved under section 36D(2) of that Act.

(2) Visitors attending examinations or other forms of assessment under paragraph (1)(b) shall report back to the Council on their findings.

Reports and observations

3. - (1) Where a visitor reports to the Council in accordance with rule 2 the Council shall on receipt of the report—

- (a) send a copy of the report to the establishment concerned; and
- (b) invite that establishment, within a reasonable period which the Council shall specify, to make observations on the report.

(2) The Council shall not take any steps in the light of any report prepared by a visitor before the end of the period specified in accordance with paragraph (1)(b).

Eligibility for appointment

4. No visitor shall be appointed to visit any establishment—

- (a) at which he regularly gives instruction in any subject; or
- (b) with which he has a significant connection,

but no person shall be prevented from being a visitor merely because he is a member of the Council or any of their Committees.

Registration in the dental care professionals register

5. At least one of the visitors—

^a 1984 c.24; section 36D and section 50C were inserted by S.I. 2005/2011.

- (a) visiting an establishment in connection with a course relating to a particular profession complementary to dentistry; or
- (b) attending examinations or other forms of assessment taken by persons attempting to obtain qualifications relating to a particular profession complementary to dentistry,

shall be registered in the dental care professionals register under the title or titles applying to that profession.

Given under the official seal of the General Dental Council on 15th June 2006.

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