

**The General Dental Council**  
**(Dental Care Professionals Register) Rules 2014**

The General Dental Council makes the following Rules in exercise of its powers conferred under sections 36B(4) and 36E of the Dentists Act 1984<sup>1</sup>.

**Citation, Commencement and Interpretation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the General Dental Council (Dental Care Professionals Register) Rules 2014.
2. These Rules shall come into force on 1 November 2014.
3. In these Rules—

“the Act” means the Dentists Act 1984;

“competent authority” means a competent authority as defined in section 53(1) of the Act;

“exempt person” means an exempt person as defined in section 53(1) of the Act;

“primary qualification” means a qualification approved by the Council under section 36D(2) of the Act<sup>2</sup> (education and training for members of professions complementary to dentistry);

“relevant European State” means a relevant European State as defined in section 53(1) of the Act; and

“restoration” means the restoration to the dental care professionals register under a particular title or titles of a name previously registered under the same title or titles in that register.

**Form and keeping of the dental care professionals register**

4. The dental care professionals register shall consist of a set of records each relating to a single individual.
5. The registrar shall keep the dental care professionals register in a form and manner which guards against falsification and any system for maintaining the dental care professionals register shall ensure that the addition, deletion or alteration of any record is undertaken by individuals authorised by the registrar for that purpose.
6. The dental care professionals register shall be kept by the registrar in electronic form and published on the Council's website.

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<sup>1</sup> 1984 c.24; sections 36B and 36E were inserted by S.I. 2005/2011.

<sup>2</sup> Section 36D was inserted by S.I. 2005/2011

7. The registrar shall keep the dental care professionals register up to date and shall make, amend, erase and restore entries in that register in accordance with the provisions of the Act and by virtue of rules and regulations made under powers contained in the Act.

### **Applications**

8. Applications by the following persons shall be submitted to the registrar—

- (a) a person seeking registration in the principal list of the dental care professionals register under one or more of the titles specified in regulations made under section 36A(2) of the Act<sup>3</sup> (Professions complementary to dentistry), including a person already registered under a title or titles in that register who:

- (i) is a person to whom section 36C(2) of the Act applies;
- (ii) is a person to whom section 36C(3) of the Act applies; or-
- (iii) is a person to whom section 36C(4) of the Act applies;

- (b) a person seeking registration in the list of visiting dental care professionals from a relevant European State who is entitled to be registered under section 36Z3 of the Act; and

- (c) a person seeking the restoration of their name to the dental care professionals register under a title or titles in that register following the erasure of that name from registration under the same title or titles.

9. An application for entry on the dental care professionals register made by a person of the type mentioned in rule 8 shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Act and any rules and regulations made under powers contained in the Act.

10. An application for entry on the dental care professionals register shall:

- (a) be made in the form determined and published from time to time by the Council;
- (b) satisfy the registrar of the matters relevant to that person's application specified in the relevant provisions of the Act and as set out in the Schedule to these Rules, and other relevant rules and regulations made under powers contained in the Act; and
- (c) provide evidence which satisfies the registrar of the matters relevant to that person's application specified in the relevant provisions of the Act and as set out in the Schedule to these Rules, and other relevant rules and regulations made under powers contained in the Act.

11. A person of the type mentioned in rules 8(a) and 8(c) must submit together with their application any relevant fee prescribed by regulations made under section 36F of the Act.

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<sup>3</sup> Section 36A(2) was inserted by S.I 2005/2011.

12. A person of the type mentioned in rule 8 may be required to attend in person before the registrar in order to satisfy the registrar of any matters the registrar considers relevant to the application.
13. A registered dental care professional must notify the Council without delay of any changes to or errors in their registration details, and for these purposes "registration details" includes any information the dental care professional was required to provide as part of their application for registration.
14. A registered dental care professional must provide information reasonably requested from time to time by the Council in accordance with the Council's current requirements for registration in the dental care professionals register.
15. Information provided by a registered dental care professional in accordance with rules 13 and 14 shall be supported by any evidence the registrar may reasonably request.

**The dental care professionals register**

16. The registrar shall enter the following details in the dental care professionals register in respect of each person registered in that register (except as indicated in respect of sub-paragraphs (b) and (j))—
  - (a) the person's full name;
  - (b) other than in respect of persons entered in the list of visiting dental care professionals, the registration number allocated to that person by the registrar;
  - (c) the title or titles under which that person is registered;
  - (d) the qualification (including the date on which that qualification was awarded) which entitles that person to registration under that title and/or where applicable the details of the basis for that person's registration;
  - (e) the address which that person wishes to be entered in the dental care professionals register as their address;
  - (f) the date of first registration of that person's name in the dental care professionals register;
  - (g) the date of restoration of that person's name to the dental care professionals register (where applicable);
  - (h) details of any restrictions imposed on that person's registration by a Practice Committee or the Interim Orders Committee from time to time;
  - (i) details of any warning issued to the person by the Investigating Committee under section 36O of the Act, where the Investigating Committee has directed the registrar to enter details of that warning in the entry in the register relating to the person who is the subject of the allegation; and
  - (j) in the case of a person registered in the list of visiting dental care professionals under section 36B(1A)(b), the relevant European State in which that person is established and the period for which registration is effective.



17. Where the registrar is satisfied that a person's entry has been erased from the dental care professionals register as a result of an administrative error, the registrar shall reinstate the person's entry in the register.
18. (1) Where the registrar—
- (a) receives information that an entry in the dental care professionals register is incorrect;
  - (b) receives an application from a person for an entry in the dental care professionals register to be altered; or
  - (c) is informed that a person's registration in the dental care professionals register has been suspended or made conditional by a Practice Committee or the Interim Orders Committee, or that a warning has been issued to the person by the Investigating Committee under section 36O of the Act and the Investigating Committee has directed the registrar to enter details of that warning in the entry in the register relating to the person who is the subject of the allegation;
- the registrar shall make any necessary alterations to that register if satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.
- (2) An application for alteration to an entry in the dental care professionals register shall be supported by any evidence the registrar may reasonably request.
19. The registrar shall issue confirmation of registration to each person whose name is registered in the dental care professionals register.
20. The registrar may issue a Certificate of Current Professional Status confirming the information held on the register concerning a registered dental care professional.

### **Revocation**

21. The General Dental Council (Dental Care Professionals Register) Rules 2006 are to be revoked on 31 October 2014.

### **Schedule: Information and evidence to be submitted with applications for registration and restoration**

1. The form of an application, as referred to in rule 8, will, as a minimum, require the person making the application to provide the following information, in a form sufficient to satisfy the registrar —
- (a) the person's full name;
  - (b) the person's date of birth;
  - (c) the title or titles under which that person is seeking to be registered;
  - (d) the person's sex;
  - (e) the address which that person wishes to be entered in the dental care professionals register as their address;
  - (f) details of any previous registration with a competent authority outside the United Kingdom;
  - (g) details of any criminal conviction, caution, penalty, order or determination mentioned in section 36N(2)(d) to (g) of the Act<sup>4</sup> (Allegations) that they have or

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<sup>4</sup> Section 36N was inserted by S.I. 2005/2011.

that has been made in respect of them, and details of any pending investigation or proceedings that may lead to such a conviction, caution, penalty, order or determination;

(h) any other information or documents which the registrar may reasonably require in order to determine the application.

2. An application for entry on the dental care professionals register made by a person of the type mentioned in rule 8 shall include the following supporting information in a form sufficient to satisfy the registrar –

(a) evidence confirming the person's identity;

(b) a character reference signed by –

(i) the head of that person's dental training school or their nominee, or

(ii) the person responsible for the supervision of that person's training, or

(iii) another person of professional standing;

but any person who signs a reference under this paragraph must not be a member of that person's family and must have known that person for at least one year prior to the date of the application and the reference must be dated no earlier than three months prior to the date of registration; and

(c) a self-declaration, in a form determined by the Council from time to time, of the person's good physical and mental health, which is signed and dated by the person.

3. A person of the type mentioned in rule 8(a)(i) shall submit together with their application a certified copy of that person's primary qualification, unless the Council confirms that it has been provided with information which satisfies it that the person holds a qualification recognised by the Council for the purposes of registration.

4. A person of the type mentioned in rule 8(a)(ii) shall submit together with their application, in a form sufficient to satisfy the registrar –

(a) evidence of a qualification granted in a relevant European State other than the United Kingdom (or granted in a third country and the person has three years' professional experience in the profession concerned in the territory of the relevant European State which recognised the qualification);

(b) evidence confirming that the person is an exempt person; and

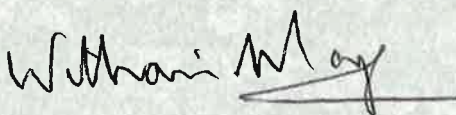
(c) documentary evidence of good standing which originates from or is authenticated by the appropriate authorities of the relevant European State other than the United Kingdom which granted or recognised the person's qualification or the person's most recent employer in the profession concerned or the person's dental training school; and

(d) where it exists, evidence of training or experience (or both) which demonstrates the person has the requisite knowledge and skill to practise using the title or titles to which the application relates.



5. A person of the type mentioned in rule 8(a)(iii) shall submit together with their application, in a form sufficient to satisfy the registrar –
- (a) evidence of a qualification granted outside the United Kingdom which is relevant to the profession complementary to dentistry or class of members of such a profession to which the application relates;
  - (b) where it exists, evidence of training or experience (or both) which demonstrates the person has the requisite knowledge and skill to practise using the title or titles to which the application relates; and
  - (c) evidence of the person's knowledge of English as described in section 36C(4)(c) of the Act.
6. A person of the type mentioned in rule 8(b) shall submit together with their application, in a form sufficient to satisfy the registrar:
- (a) evidence confirming that the person is an exempt person;
  - (b) an original document from the relevant European State where the person is established attesting that the person is legally established in that State and has not been suspended, disqualified or prohibited from working in that State;
  - (c) evidence of the person's professional qualification; and
  - (d) where the profession of the person is not regulated in the relevant European State where the person is established, evidence of two years' professional experience.
7. A person of the type mentioned in rule 8(c) shall submit together with their application for restoration, in a form sufficient to satisfy the registrar, evidence that they satisfy any applicable training and development requirements which are set out in rules made under section 36Z2 of the Act<sup>5</sup> (Restoration of names to the dental care professionals register: professional training and development).

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Chair 

Registrar 



<sup>5</sup> Section 36Z2 was inserted by S.I. 2005/2011.