



# Dentists Act 1984

## 1984 CHAPTER 24

### PART III

#### THE DENTAL PROFESSION

##### *Procedure for registration*

#### 18 Procedure for registration.

(1) [<sup>F1</sup>Subject to [<sup>F2</sup>subsections (3) to (5)] below, any right to registration under section 15 above][<sup>F3</sup>in the register] shall be conditional on the making of an application supported by such evidence as is required by subsection (2) below.

[<sup>F4</sup>(2) Any person applying to be registered [<sup>F5</sup>in the register] shall produce or send to the registrar—

- (a) the document conferring or evidencing his licence or other qualification;
- (b) a statement of his name and address and the other particulars (if any) required for [<sup>F6</sup>registration.]

[ the documents conferring, or evidencing that there is in force in relation to him  
<sup>F7</sup>(ba) or there will be as necessary for the purpose of complying with section 26A, appropriate cover under an indemnity arrangement.]

<sup>F8</sup>(c) .....]

<sup>F9</sup>(2A) .....

<sup>F10</sup>(2B) .....

(3) A dental authority may from time to time transmit to the registrar certified lists of the persons who are graduates or licentiates of that body in dentistry, stating the qualifications and places of residence of the persons included in the lists; and on receiving any such lists the registrar shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, duly register [<sup>F11</sup>in the register] those persons.

[<sup>F12</sup>(4) Where the person applying to be registered under section 15 is the holder of a specified state qualification in dentistry, the person is not required to produce or send to the

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registrar more evidence than is necessary to demonstrate that the conditions falling to be satisfied before the person may be registered are satisfied.

- (5) Where the person applying to be registered under section 15 is the holder of such a qualification, the registrar must accept certified copies of documents in place of original documents, unless the registrar requires original documents in order to preserve the integrity of the application process.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5), a certified copy of a document is one which is certified to be a true copy of the original by a solicitor practising in any part of the United Kingdom.]

### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 18(1) substituted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **115(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 18(1) substituted (1.12.2023) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1286\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 22(a)**
- F3** Words in s. 18(1) inserted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(4)–(7) of the amending S.I. (see the London Gazette, issue nos. 57734, 57975, 58050 and 58769, dated respectively 19.8.2005, 5.6.2006, 21.7.2006 and 18.7.2008)) by [The Dentists Act 1984 \(Amendment\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2011\)](#), **art. 7(a)** (with [Sch. 7](#)) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2006/1671)
- F4** S. 18(2) substituted (1.7.1996) by [S.I. 1996/1496](#), **reg. 2(4)**
- F5** Words in s. 18(2) inserted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(4)–(7) of the amending S.I. (see the London Gazette, issue nos. 57734, 57975, 58050 and 58769, dated respectively 19.8.2005, 5.6.2006, 21.7.2006 and 18.7.2008)) by [The Dentists Act 1984 \(Amendment\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2011\)](#), **art. 7(b)** (with [Sch. 7](#)) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2006/1671)
- F6** Word in s. 18(2)(b) substituted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **115(b)(i)**
- F7** S. 18(2)(ba) inserted (17.7.2014) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Indemnity Arrangements\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1887\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3** (with [Sch. 3](#) paras. 2–5)
- F8** S. 18(2)(c) omitted (3.12.2007) by virtue of [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **115(b)(ii)**
- F9** S. 18(2A) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/593\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 9** (with [reg. 12A](#), [Sch. 3 Pt. 2](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1394, regs. 4, 11(4)–(10)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F10** S. 18(2B) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/593\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 9** (with [reg. 12A](#), [Sch. 3 Pt. 2](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1394, regs. 4, 11(4)–(10)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F11** Words in s. 18(3) inserted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(4)–(7) of the amending S.I. (see the London Gazette, issue nos. 57734, 57975, 58050 and 58769, dated respectively 19.8.2005, 5.6.2006, 21.7.2006 and 18.7.2008)) by [The Dentists Act 1984 \(Amendment\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2011\)](#), **art. 7(c)** (with [Sch. 7](#)) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2006/1671)
- F12** S. 18(4)–(6) inserted (1.12.2023) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1286\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 22(b)**

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## 19 Regulations with respect to the register.

(1) <sup>F13</sup><sup>F14</sup>[The] Council] may make regulations with respect to the form and keeping of the register and the making of entries and erasures in it, and in particular—

- (a) prescribing a fee to be charged on the entry of a name in the register <sup>F15</sup>[or otherwise in connection with an application for registration] or on the restoration of any entry to the register;
- (b) prescribing a fee to be charged in respect of the retention in the register of the name of a person first registered after 28th July 1921 in any year subsequent to the year in which that person was first registered;
- (c) providing for the registration in and removal from the register in prescribed circumstances of additional diplomas held by a registered dentist and prescribing a fee to be charged in respect of the registration;
- (d) authorising the registrar (notwithstanding anything in this Act) to refuse to make <sup>F16</sup>[any entry in the register or take any other action in connection with an application for registration or restore any entry to the register] until a fee prescribed by regulations under this section has been paid.

<sup>F17</sup>(1ZA) If regulations under this section prescribe a fee to be charged on the entry of a person's name in the register in a case where the person applies for registration as the holder of a specified state qualification in dentistry, the fee must be—

- (a) reasonable and proportionate to the cost of dealing with such a person's application;
- (b) transparent, and made public in advance; and
- (c) payable by electronic means through the Council's own website.]

<sup>F18</sup>(1A) .....

<sup>F19</sup>(2) Regulations under this section may authorise the registrar to erase from the register the name of a person who, after such notices and warnings as may be prescribed by the regulations, fails to pay a fee prescribed under subsection (1)(b).

(2A) Where a person's name has been erased by virtue of regulations under this section, that name shall be restored to the register on that person's application if he satisfies the registrar that he meets the requirements of—

- (a) section 15(3)(a) to (c);
- (b) section 26A; and
- (c) any rules made under section 34B which apply to his case.

(2B) Where the registrar refuses to restore a person's name to the register under subsection (2A), the registrar shall forthwith serve on the person concerned notification of the decision and of the reasons for it.]

<sup>F20</sup>(3) .....

<sup>F20</sup>(4) .....

### Textual Amendments

**F13** Words in s. 19(1) substituted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **116(a)**

**F14** Word in s. 19(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/593\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para.**

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- 10(a)** (with reg. 12A, Sch. 3 Pt. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1394, regs. 4, 11(4)-(10)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F15** Words in s. 19(1)(a) inserted (19.10.2015) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **15(a)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 2(a)
- F16** Words in s. 19(1)(d) substituted (19.10.2015) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **15(b)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 2(a)
- F17** S. 19(1ZA) inserted (1.12.2023) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1286), reg. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 23**
- F18** S. 19(1A) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/593), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 10(b)** (with reg. 12A, Sch. 3 Pt. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1394, regs. 4, 11(4)-(10)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F19** S. 19(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 19(2) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(4)-(7) of the amending S.I. (see the London Gazette, issue nos. 57734, 57975, 58050 and 58769, dated respectively 19.8.2005, 5.6.2006, 21.7.2006 and 18.7.2008)) by The Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2011), **art. 8(a)** (with **Sch. 7**) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2006/1671)
- F20** S. 19(3)(4) omitted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(4)-(7) of the amending S.I. (see the London Gazette, issue nos. 57734, 57975, 58050 and 58769, dated respectively 19.8.2005, 5.6.2006, 21.7.2006 and 18.7.2008)) by virtue of The Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2011), **art. 8(b)** (with **Sch. 7**) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2006/1671)

## **F21 20 Selection of proper abbreviations of overseas diplomas.**

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### **Textual Amendments**

- F21** S. 20 repealed (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(4)-(7) of the amending S.I. (see the London Gazette, issue nos. 57734, 57975, 58050 and 58769, dated respectively 19.8.2005, 5.6.2006, 21.7.2006 and 18.7.2008)) by The Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2011), **art. 9** (with **Sch. 7**) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2006/1671)

## **F22 21 Notification of reasons for refusal of application for registration etc.**

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### **Textual Amendments**

- F22** S. 21 repealed (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(4)-(7) of the amending S.I. (see the London Gazette, issue nos. 57734, 57975, 58050 and 58769, dated respectively 19.8.2005, 5.6.2006, 21.7.2006 and 18.7.2008)) by The Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2011), **art. 9** (with **Sch. 7**) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2006/1671)

## **[F23 21A Notification of results of application**

- (1) This section applies where a person (“A”) makes an application to be registered in the register in exercise of entitlement under section 15.

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(2) The registrar, within the period of one month beginning with the date of receipt of the application, must—

- (a) acknowledge receipt of the application; and
- (b) inform A of any missing document required for the purposes of the application.

[<sup>F24</sup>(2ZA) Where A holds a specified state qualification in dentistry, the registrar must—

- (a) give A adequate time to complete the requirements and procedures of the application process; and
- (b) deal promptly with A’s application.]

<sup>F25</sup>(2A) . . . . .

<sup>F26</sup>(2B) . . . . .

(3) The registrar must notify A of the result of the [<sup>F27</sup>application][<sup>F28</sup>—

- (a) where A holds a specified state qualification, within the period of four months beginning with the relevant date;
- (b) in any other case, within the period of three months beginning with that date.]

[<sup>F29</sup>(3A) In calculating any period of time for the purposes of subsection (3), the following are to be disregarded—

- (a) any period which begins on the date on which the registrar makes a request under section 15A(4) and ends on the date on which A complies with the request; or
- (b) any period which begins on the date on which the registrar requires A to undergo an examination or other assessment under section 15A(6)(a) and ends on the date on which A complies with the requirement under section 15A(6)(b).

(4) The “relevant date”, in relation to an application, is—

- (a) the date when the registrar receives the application; or
- (b) if any document required for the purposes of the application is missing when the registrar receives the application, the date on which the registrar first has all the documents required for those purposes.]

[ A document which is requested or required under section 15A(4) or (6)(b) is not to be <sup>F30</sup>(5) treated as missing for the purposes of this section.]]

#### Textual Amendments

**F23** S. 21A substituted (3.12.2007) by [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3101\)](#), regs. 1(2), **117**

**F24** S. 21A(2ZA) inserted (1.12.2023) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1286\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 24(a)**

**F25** S. 21A(2A) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/593\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11(a)** (with reg. 12A, Sch. 3 Pt. 2) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1394](#), regs. 4, 11(4)-(10)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

**F26** S. 21A(2B) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/593\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para.**

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- 11(a)** (with reg. 12A, Sch. 3 Pt. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1394, regs. 4, 11(4)-(10)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F27** Words in s. 21A(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/593), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11(b)** (with reg. 12A, Sch. 3 Pt. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1394, regs. 4, 11(4)-(10)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F28** S. 21A(3)(a)(b) substituted for words (1.12.2023) by The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1286), reg. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 24(b)**
- F29** S. 21A(3A) inserted (1.4.2016) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **16(3)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 5
- F30** S. 21A(5) inserted (1.4.2016) by The Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/806), arts. 1(3), **16(4)**; S.I. 2015/1451, art. 5

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 27(2)(h)(i) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 1 para. 7](#) (This effect comes into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47). S. 44(1) was repealed without ever being in force on 10.9.2012 by 2012 c. 9, s. 75(6), Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2)
- s. 27(2)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 17](#)
- s. 27A(5)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 18\(3\)](#)
- s. 27BA inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 19](#)
- s. 36N(2)(h)(i) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 1 para. 8](#) (This effect comes into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47). S. 44(1) was repealed without ever being in force on 10.9.2012 by 2012 c. 9, s. 75(6), Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2)
- s. 36N(2)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 24](#)
- s. 36O(5)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 25\(3\)](#)
- s. 36PA inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 26](#)