
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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MEDICAL PROFESSION

The General Medical Council Preliminary
Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct
Committee (Procedure) Rules Order of Council 1988

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**THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL PRELIMINARY
PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
COMMITTEE (PROCEDURE) RULES ORDER OF COUNCIL 1988**

This Order may be cited as the General Medical Council...
The General Medical Council Preliminary Proceedings Committee and
Professional Conduct...
Signature

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(Rule 3)

*PROVISIONS AS TO MEETINGS OF THE PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS
COMMITTEE AND OF THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE*

1. The Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee shall each...
2. The Committee shall each meet on such days as the...
3. Meetings of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee shall be held not...
4. Members of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee and of the Professional...
5. Meetings of each Committee shall be held at the offices...

SCHEDULE 2 —

SCHEDULE 3 —

Explanatory Note