
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Regulation 2 of these Regulations applies the requirements of Council Directive [92/51/EEC](#) on a second general system for the regulation of professional education and training⁽¹⁾, as amended⁽²⁾, to the professions of clinical dental technician, dental nurse, dental technician and orthodontic therapist. The General Dental Council is designated as the authority responsible for processing applications for inclusion in the dental care professionals register from migrants with similar qualifications recognised in the European Economic Area or Switzerland, and for authorising those migrants to practise in the United Kingdom in accordance with that Directive.

Regulation 3 of these Regulations makes amendments to section 36C of the Dentists Act 1984 (qualifications for registration in the dental care professionals register) to add references to the professions of clinical dental technician, dental nurse, dental technician and orthodontic therapist. It also makes an amendment which has the effect that a person with free movement rights in the European Economic Area or Switzerland may not be required to demonstrate proficiency in the English language as a condition of registration in the professional register.

(1) OJNo. L 209, 24.7.1992, p.25.

(2) Council Directive [92/51/EEC](#) has been amended by: Commission Directive [94/38/EC](#) (OJ No. L 217, 23.8.1994, p.8); the Act of Accession of Austria, Sweden and Finland (OJ No. L 1, 1.1.1995, p.1); Commission Directive [95/43/EC](#) (OJ No. L 184, 3.8.1995); Commission Directive [97/38/EC](#) (OJ No. L 184, 12.7.1997, p.31); Commission Directive [2000/5/EC](#) (OJ No. L 54, 26.2.2000, p.42); Directive [2001/19/EC](#) (OJ No. L 206, 31.7.2001, p.1); the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded (OJ No. L 236, 23.9.2003, p.33); Regulation (EC) [No. 1882/2003](#) (OJ No. L 284, 31.10.2003, p.1); and Commission Decision [2004/108/EC](#) (OJ No. L 32, 5.2.2004, p.15).