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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 2002 No. 254

## The Health Professions Order 2001

### PART VII OFFENCES

PROSPECTIVE

#### Offences

**39.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person commits an offence if with intent to deceive (whether expressly or by implication)—

- (a) he falsely represents himself to be registered in the register, or a particular part of it or to be the subject of any entry in the register;
- (b) he uses a title referred to in article 6(2) to which he is not entitled;
- (c) he falsely represents himself to possess qualifications in a relevant profession.

(2) If a person has been practising a relevant profession to which the title mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) relates before the coming into force of an order under article 6(1) which relates to that profession, he will not be guilty of an offence under paragraph (1)(b)—

- (a) during the relevant period mentioned in article 13(1)(b); or
- (b) if he applies during the relevant period for admission to the register, until his application and any appeal from a decision on that application has been finally disposed of.

(3) A person commits an offence if—

- (a) with intent that any person shall be deceived (whether expressly or by implication) he causes or permits another person to make any representation about himself which, if made by himself with intent to deceive, would be an offence under paragraph (1); or
- (b) with intent to deceive, he makes with regard to another person any representation which—
  - (i) is false to his own knowledge, and
  - (ii) if made by the other person with that intent would be an offence by him under paragraph (1).

(4) A person who fraudulently procures, or tries to procure, the making, amendment, removal or restoration of an entry in the register, is guilty of an offence.

(5) A person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with any requirement imposed by—

- (a) the Council, or
- (b) a Practice Committee

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under article 25(1) or (2) or rules made by virtue of article 32(2)(m) or under any corresponding rule made by virtue of article 26, 33 or 37 is guilty of an offence.

(6) A person guilty of an offence under this article shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

**Commencement Information**

**II** Art. 39 not in force at made date, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Order title substituted by [2012 c. 7 s. 213\(6\)](#)
- Order title substituted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 45](#)
- art. 39 coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#) (See transitional provisions in [S.I. 2003/1700](#))
- art. 39 continued by [S.I. 2019/1140 reg. 23\(5\)](#)
- art. 39(2)(a) word substituted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 10](#)

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

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3-68-10](#)

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

- Sch. 1 para. 1A(1)(b)(ia) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 213\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 19(10A)-(10C) inserted by [2015 c. 28 Sch. para. 6\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 17\(1\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1(5) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 18\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 9(1A)(1B) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 17\(1\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 9(1C) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 18\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1A(1)(b)(ia) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 26](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1A(4) omitted by [S.I. 2013/235 Sch. 2 para. 52](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 16A revoked by [2006 c. 28 Sch. 8 para. 48](#) [Sch. 9](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 17(1)-(2B) substituted for Sch. 1 para. 17(1)(2) by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 15\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1A1B substituted for Sch. 1 paras. 1-12 by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 15\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 16A inserted by [2003 c. 43 Sch. 12 para. 8](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 25-27 added by [S.I. 2004/2033 art. 3\(3\)\(f\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 25 coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 26 coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 27 coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 3(4A) inserted by [S.I. 2004/2033 art. 3\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 3(4)(4A) substituted for art. 3(4) by [2015 c. 28 Sch. para. 6\(2\)](#)
- art. 3(5)-(5B) substituted for art. 3(5) by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 1\(a\)](#)
- art. 3(5)(b)(vi)(vii) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 3(5)(b)(vi)(vii) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 11\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 3(5AA) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(3\)](#)
- art. 3(5AA) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 11\(3\)](#)
- art. 3(5ZA) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 218\(3\)](#)
- art. 3(7A) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 1\(c\)](#)
- art. 3(17A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(4\)](#)
- art. 6(3)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 267](#)
- art. 6(3)(aa) omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 3](#)
- art. 6(3)(aa) words inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(5\)](#)

- art. 6(3)(aa) words omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 12
- art. 7(4) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 268
- art. 7(4) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 4
- art. 7(4) words inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(5)(b)
- art. 7(4) words omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 13
- art. 9(2)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 12(d)
- art. 9(3A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 12(e)
- art. 9(3A) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 14(2)
- art. 9(8) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 270(d)
- art. 9(8) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 6(c)
- art. 9(8) words inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(5)(b)
- art. 9(8) words omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 14(3)
- art. 9A inserted (temp.) by 2020 c. 7 Sch. 1 para. 2(2)
- art. 10(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 13(d)
- art. 10(4)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 13(e)
- art. 10(6) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 271(b)
- art. 10(6) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 7(b)
- art. 10(6) words inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(6)
- art. 10(6) words omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 15(2)
- art. 10(7) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 13(f)
- art. 10(7) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 15(3)
- art. 11A inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 14
- art. 11A(11) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 16
- art. 11A(12) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 8
- art. 12(1)(c)(III) coming into force by S.I. 2002/254 art. 1(3)
- art. 12(1)(d) and word inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(7)(b)
- art. 12(1)(d) and word omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 17(2)(b)
- art. 12(1)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 147(2)
- art. 12(1)(ba) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 9(a)(ii)
- art. 12(1A) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 272(b)
- art. 12(1A) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 9(b)
- art. 12(2)(c) and word inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(8)(b)
- art. 12(2)(c) and word omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 17(3)(b)
- art. 13(1)(c) substituted by S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 3(a)
- art. 13(1)(d) words added by S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 3(b)
- art. 13(1B) inserted by S.I. 2012/1479 art. 2(b)
- art. 13(1B) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 18(3)
- art. 13A inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 273
- art. 13A omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 10
- art. 13A title substituted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(5)(a)
- art. 13A heading words substituted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 19
- art. 13A(2) substituted by S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 148(2)
- art. 13A(5) word substituted by S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 148(3)(a)
- art. 13A(5) word substituted by S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 148(3)(b)
- art. 13B inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(9)
- art. 13B omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 20
- art. 14(ba) inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 218(4)
- art. 14(ba) omitted by S.I. 2022/1216 reg. 3(b)
- art. 15A15B inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 218(5)
- art. 15A omitted by S.I. 2018/893 reg. 41(4) (This amendment comes into force on the date that 2017 c. 16, s. 39(1) comes into force. That provision is brought into force on 2.12.2019 by S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b))
- art. 15B omitted by S.I. 2018/893 reg. 41(5) (This amendment comes into force on the date that 2017 c. 16, s. 39(1) comes into force. That provision is brought into force on 2.12.2019 by S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b))
- art. 17(3A) inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 218(7)

- art. 17(3A) omitted by [S.I. 2018/893 reg. 41\(7\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the date that 2017 c. 16, s. 39(1) comes into force. That provision is brought into force on 2.12.2019 by S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b))
- art. 18(1A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 218\(8\)](#)
- art. 18(1A) omitted by [S.I. 2018/893 reg. 41\(8\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the date that 2017 c. 16, s. 39(1) comes into force. That provision is brought into force on 2.12.2019 by S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b))
- art. 19(2A)-(2D) inserted by [S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 274](#)
- art. 19(2A)-(2D) omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 11](#)
- art. 19(2A)(b) words inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(10\)](#)
- art. 19(2A)(b) words omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 21](#)
- art. 22(1)(a)(vi)(vii) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 5](#) (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)
- art. 26(6A) inserted by [2015 c. 28 Sch. para. 6\(3\)](#)
- art. 37(1)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 275](#)
- art. 37(1)(aa) omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 12](#)
- art. 37(1)(aa) words inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 37(1)(aa) words omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 23\(2\)](#)
- art. 37(1)(ab) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 16\(a\)](#)
- art. 37(1A)(1B) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 16\(b\)](#)
- art. 37(1B) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 23\(3\)](#)
- art. 37(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 16\(c\)](#)
- art. 37(5A) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 9\(b\)](#)
- art. 37(5A)(a) words inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 216\(2\)](#)
- art. 37(5A)(a) words omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 23\(4\)](#)
- art. 37(8A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 216\(4\)](#)
- art. 37(8A) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 23\(6\)](#)
- art. 38(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 276\(b\)](#)
- art. 38(1A) omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 13\(b\)](#)
- art. 38(1A)(c)-(e) inserted by [S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 149\(2\)](#)
- art. 38(1B) inserted (temp.) by [2020 c. 7 Sch. 1 para. 2\(4\)](#)
- art. 38(1ZA) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 216\(5\)](#)
- art. 38(1ZA) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 24\(2\)](#)
- art. 38(5) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 216\(7\)](#)
- art. 38(5) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 24\(4\)](#)
- art. 39(1A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(12\)](#)
- art. 39(1A) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 25](#)
- art. 40(3) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#) (See transitional provisions in S.I. 2003/1700)
- art. 40(3) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- art. 42(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 12\(a\)](#)
- art. 42(3)(3A) substituted for art. 42(3) by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 12\(b\)](#)
- art. 44A inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 219\(1\)](#)
- art. 45(3A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 218\(11\)](#)
- art. 49 inserted by [S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 150](#)
- art. 49 omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 14](#)