

1994 No. 202

PHARMACY

**Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (General)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994**

Made 31st May 1994

Coming into operation 28th June 1994

The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 5 of the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Health and Social Services, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 28th June 1994.

(2) In these Regulations—

“approved degree” means a degree in pharmacy recognised by the Society or Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and which has been awarded pursuant to a course of study at a University of the United Kingdom or at any other institution in the United Kingdom;

“the Order” means the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976;

“pre-registration training” means a course of practical training for the purpose of qualifying for registration as a pharmaceutical chemist, and “pre-registration trainee” shall be construed accordingly;

“the Secretary” means the Secretary of the Society;

Fees

2. The fees payable for registration under Article 8 of the Order as a pharmaceutical chemist shall be £90.00 and for registration as a student £5.00.

3. The fee, if any, payable under Article 20(2) of the Order for restoration of a person’s name to the register shall be £30.00.

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the retention fee payable in respect of each year under Article 15(1) of the Order shall be—

(a) S.I. 1976/1213 (N.I. 22), as amended by S.R. 1987 No. 457

- (a) in respect of a member of the Society, £90·00;
- (b) in respect of an associate of the Society, £5·00;
- (c) in respect of a student of the Society, £5·00.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)—

- (a) a member of the Society who resides outside Northern Ireland and—
 - (i) does not own a retail pharmacy business in Northern Ireland; or
 - (ii) does not hold the position of superintendent of a body corporate carrying on a retail pharmacy business in Northern Ireland; or
 - (iii) is not employed as a pharmacist in Northern Ireland,

shall pay a retention fee of £40·00;

- (b) a member of the Society who has attained his 65th birthday shall pay a retention fee of £40·00;
- (c) a member of the Society who has attained his 70th birthday shall pay a retention fee of £15·00.

5. The penalty under Article 15(3) of the Order for default in payment of the retention fee shall be—

- (a) in respect of a person who has been a member, £25·00;
- (b) in respect of a person who has been an associate, £5·00;
- (c) in respect of a person who has been a student, £5·00.

6. The fee to be paid under Article 14(2) of the Order in respect of the issue of a certificate of registration to a person who has satisfied the Secretary that the original certificate has been lost or destroyed shall be £1·00.

7. The demand under Article 15(3) of the Order for payment of a retention fee shall be made in writing and shall be sent by the Society to the registered address of the member, associate or student.

Qualifications for registration

8.—(1) A person who has satisfied the requirements for admission to a first degree course in pharmacy at—

- (a) a University or other institution in Northern Ireland, awarding a degree in pharmacy recognised by the Society; or
- (b) a University or other institution in Great Britain, awarding a degree in pharmacy recognised by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain,

shall be qualified for registration as a student.

(2) Upon acceptance of a candidate for registration as a student the Council shall require him to forward to the registrar a copy of his certificate of birth.

9.—(1) A person who holds an approved degree shall, subject to the conditions set out in paragraph (2), be qualified for registration as a pharmaceutical chemist.

(2) The conditions referred to in paragraph (1) which a person is required to satisfy are that—

- (a) he has produced to the registrar a declaration, on a form obtainable from the Secretary, containing the details set out in Schedule 1;
- (b) he has produced evidence satisfactory to the Council that he has adequate knowledge of the laws governing the practice of pharmacy and the sale of medicines and non-medicinal poisons in Northern Ireland;
- (c) he has produced evidence satisfactory to the Council that he has attended a course in business management recognised by the Council; and
- (d) where he has commenced pre-registration training after 31st May 1993, he has passed a registration examination approved by the Council in accordance with the conditions set out in Schedule 2.

10. Before entering upon a course of pre-registration training a person who holds an approved degree shall notify the registrar of the date of commencement of the course, of the address of the place or places at which the course is to be undergone and of the name of the registered person responsible for supervising his training.

11. A member of a pharmaceutical society of any of the following countries or states may be registered as a pharmaceutical chemist under the provisions of Article 8(4) of the Order—

1. Great Britain
2. New South Wales
3. New Zealand
4. Queensland
5. South Africa
6. South Australia
7. Tasmania
8. Victoria
9. Western Australia.

General

12.—(1) The Council may award annually a scholarship to a member of the Society who wishes to engage in research or further study within the range of subjects included in the syllabus for the degree in pharmacy.

(2) Each applicant shall submit to the Secretary a written application giving particulars of age, education, qualifications, the particular branch of research or study in which, and the institution at which, he wishes to carry out his work together with written evidence that the institution is prepared to accept him for that purpose.

(3) Payments shall be made quarterly in advance and the Council may terminate the scholarship at any time for such reasons as may appear to it to be sufficient.

Revocation

13. The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(a) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland on 31st May 1994 in the presence of

W. Woodside

President

(L.S.)

D. J. Lawson

Secretary

The Department of Health and Social Services after consultation with the Department of Education hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 31st May 1994.

(L.S.)

F. Green

Assistant Secretary

Form of Declaration

1. The declaration required under regulation 9(2)(a) shall state that subsequent to obtaining an approved degree a person has satisfactorily completed, under the direct supervision of a registered person, as his sole pupil, a course of pre-registration training involving the application of knowledge embraced by any subject or subjects of the final examination for the degree, approved for the purpose by the Council and carried on in—

- (a) a registered pharmacy for a period of not less than twelve months; or
- (b) a registered pharmacy for a period of not less than six months, together with a period of six months—
 - (i) in the pharmaceutical department of a Northern Ireland hospital in which a registered person is employed full-time; or
 - (ii) as a full-time member of the academic staff in the School of Pharmacy of the Queen's University of Belfast under the supervision of the Professor of Pharmacy; or
 - (iii) as a post-graduate student engaged in full-time research of not less than two years duration under the supervision of the Professor of Pharmacy at the said University; or
 - (iv) in a pharmaceutical industrial establishment in Northern Ireland approved by the Council.

2. The declaration shall state the address of the place or places at which the course was undergone, with the dates of the course at each place, and be signed by the registered person responsible for supervising the training or by any other registered person approved by the Council.

Conditions applicable to Registration Examination

1. The syllabus and procedures for the registration examination shall be as resolved by the Council from time to time.

2. The subjects for the registration examination shall include:

The Practice of Pharmacy including the implementation in practice of laws governing pharmacy and the application in practice of the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Practice of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland.

3. A pre-registration trainee shall be eligible to sit the registration examination after completion of not less than forty-five weeks of pre-registration training provided that:—

- (a) he has paid an examination fee of £75·00 to the registrar; and
- (b) after completion of not less than thirty-nine weeks of pre-registration training, a pre-registration tutor approved by the Council has submitted a satisfactory appraisal report on him.

4. A pre-registration trainee shall sit the registration examination within eighteen months of satisfactory completion of pre-registration training.

5. After payment of a fee of £40·00 to the registrar a pre-registration trainee who—

- (a) fails the registration examination at the first attempt shall sit the examination again within the following eighteen months;
- (b) fails the examination at the second attempt shall be required to complete a period of six months' employment in community or hospital pharmacy in an establishment approved by the Council and shall sit the examination for a third time within twelve months of completion of such period of employment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

1. These Regulations re-enact with amendments the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and come into operation on 28th June 1994.

2. The Regulations—

- (a) prescribe the fee payable for registration as a pharmaceutical chemist or as a student and the fee payable for restoration of a person's name to the register (regulations 2 and 3);
- (b) prescribe the retention fee payable in respect of each year by a member, associate or student of the Society and the penalty for default in payment of such fee (regulations 4 and 5);
- (c) prescribe the fee payable for issue of a certificate of registration where the original certificate has been lost or destroyed (regulation 6);
- (d) prescribe the manner in which a demand shall be made for the payment of a retention fee (regulation 7);
- (e) prescribe the qualifications for registration as a student (regulation 8);
- (f) prescribe the qualifications, the course of pre-registration training to be undergone and the examination to be passed for registration as a pharmaceutical chemist (regulations 9 and 10, and Schedules 1 and 2);
- (g) prescribe the pharmaceutical societies outside Northern Ireland whose members may be registered as pharmaceutical chemists under the Order (regulation 11);
- (h) provide for the award by the Council of a scholarship (regulation 12).

3. The changes made by the Regulations are as follows—

- (a) fees for registration as a pharmaceutical chemist are increased from £65·00 to £90·00 (regulation 2);
- (b) a registration examination is introduced for persons who commenced pre-registration training after 31st May 1993, and fees are prescribed for such examination (regulation 9(2)(d) and Schedule 2).