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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations are made by the council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (“the Council”) under the Pharmacy (1976 Order) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 (“the Amendment Order”). The Regulations set out matters relating to the requirements for practising pharmacists to have in operation an indemnity arrangement which provides appropriate cover and in relation to information to be provided to the registrar regarding such arrangements.

A person seeking to be registered (including on an application for restoration) or a practising pharmacist must declare in writing that they either have or will have by the time they begin to practise, an indemnity arrangement which provides appropriate cover (regulations 2 and 3).

The registrar may, at any time, require a practising pharmacist to submit to the registrar evidence that they have in operation an indemnity arrangement which provides appropriate cover. The registrar may also seek confirmation from a third party about indemnity arrangements in relation to that person (regulations 4 and 5).

A practising pharmacist must inform the registrar if for any reason they cease to have in operation an indemnity arrangement and must provide information relating to their indemnity arrangement at the request of any person who wishes to access their services (regulations 6 and 7).

Where a decision has been taken to refuse to retain a person’s name in or to remove a person’s name from the registrar, the decision does not take effect until the time for serving a Notice of Appeal has expired. Where a Notice of Appeal is served within time, the decision does not take effect until the date on which the appeal is finally disposed of, or is abandoned or fails by reason of its non-prosecution (regulation 8).