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**The Health Care and Associated Professions
(Knowledge of English) Order 2015**

PART 2

The Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976

Necessary knowledge of English: applicants for registration in the register of pharmaceutical chemists

8. After article 8A (registration by virtue of appropriate European diploma)(1) insert—

“Supplementary provisions as to the necessary knowledge of English

8AA.—(1) The Society must publish guidance about—

- (a) the evidence, information or documents to be provided by an applicant for the purpose of satisfying the registrar under regulations made under Article 5(1) by virtue of Article 5(1B) that the applicant has the necessary knowledge of English; and
- (b) the process by which the registrar is to determine whether the registrar is satisfied as mentioned in sub-paragraph (a).

(2) The registrar must have regard to the guidance published under paragraph (1) in determining whether the registrar is satisfied as mentioned in paragraph (1)(a).

(3) Paragraphs (4) and (6) apply if, having considered any evidence, information or documents provided by the applicant in support of the applicant’s application, the registrar is not satisfied under Article 5(1B) that the applicant has the necessary knowledge of English.

(4) The registrar may request the applicant to provide further evidence, information or documents within such period as the registrar may specify.

(5) The registrar may not exercise any power under paragraph (4) unless the registrar has complied with any duty under Article 11ZA(2).

(6) The registrar may require the applicant—

- (a) to undergo an examination or other assessment; and
- (b) to provide information in respect of that examination or assessment,

within such period as the registrar may specify.

(7) In the case of an applicant who is an exempt person, the registrar may not exercise the power under paragraph (6) without having first—

- (a) exercised the power under paragraph (4); and

(1) Article 8A was inserted by [S.R. 1987/457](#).

(b) considered any further evidence, information or documents provided by the applicant.

(8) Guidance published under paragraph (1) may make different provision in relation to different cases or classes of case.

(9) Before issuing such guidance or varying or withdrawing it, the Society must consult such persons, or representatives of such persons, as it considers appropriate including, as it sees fit—

- (a) registered pharmaceutical chemists;
- (b) employers of registered pharmaceutical chemists;
- (c) users of services of registered pharmaceutical chemists; and
- (d) the Regional Health and Social Care Board.

(10) In this article, references to an applicant are to a person desirous of being registered as a pharmaceutical chemist under this Order.”.