
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No.

**The Anaesthesia Associates and
Physician Associates Order 2024**

Part 1

GENERAL

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“approved qualification” means a qualification approved under [article 4\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#);

“associate” means—

- (a) anaesthesia associate, or
- (b) physician associate;

“case examiner” means a person who carries out case examiner functions under [articles 10](#) and [13](#) on behalf of the Regulator;

“court”, except in the terms “county court” and “relevant court”, means—

- (a) in the case of a person whose address is shown in the register, or would have been so shown if the person were registered, as being—
 - (i) in Scotland, the Court of Session;
 - (ii) in Northern Ireland, the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland, and
- (b) in any other case, the High Court of Justice in England and Wales;

“Final Measure” means a requirement set out in [article 10\(10\)](#) and imposed under [article 10\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) or [\(5\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) or [14\(3\)\(c\)](#);

“fitness to practise proceedings” means proceedings and decisions which relate to consideration of whether a person’s fitness to practise as an associate is impaired;

“Interim Measure” means a requirement set out in [article 11\(8\)](#) and imposed under [article 11\(1\)](#) or [12\(4\)\(c\)](#);

“the MPTS” means the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service established under section 1(3)(g) of the Medical Act 1983(1);

“Panel” means a panel constituted pursuant to rules made under [paragraph 6](#) of [Schedule 4](#) which has functions under this Order;

“the register” means the register referred to in [article 5\(1\)\(a\)](#);

“registrant” means a person registered under [article 6](#);

“the Registrar” means the Registrar appointed under [paragraph 1\(b\)\(i\)](#) of [Schedule 1](#);

(1) [1983 c. 54](#). Section 1(3)(g) was inserted by article 2(1) of the General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise and Over-arching Objective) and the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (References to Court) Order 2015 ([S.I. 2015/794](#)).

“registration” means registration in the register and “registered” must be construed accordingly;

“the Regulator” means the General Medical Council⁽²⁾.

(2) Any reference in this Order to—

(a) fitness to practise being impaired is a reference to impairment by reason of—

(i) inability to provide care to a sufficient standard, or

(ii) misconduct;

(b) a member of the Regulator is to a person appointed under paragraph 1A(2) of Schedule 1 to the Medical Act 1983⁽³⁾.

(2) Section 1(1) of the Medical Act 1983 provides for the continued existence of the General Medical Council.

(3) Paragraph 1A was substituted by paragraph 21(2) of Schedule 1 to the Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1774) and amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 20 to the Health and Social Care Act 2012.