



Dentists Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 24

PART III

THE DENTAL PROFESSION

Registration

15 Qualification for registration in the dentists register.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act the following persons shall be entitled to be registered in the dentists register in accordance with this Act, namely—
- any person who is a graduate or licentiate in dentistry of a dental authority;
 - any person who is a national of [^{F1}an EEA State] and holds an appropriate European diploma; and
 - any person who holds a recognised overseas diploma.

- (2) In subsection (1) above—

“appropriate European diploma” shall be construed in accordance with Schedule 2 to this Act;

“national”, in relation to [^{F1}an EEA State], means the same as in the Community Treaties, but does not include a person who by virtue of Article 2 of Protocol No. 3 (Channel Islands and Isle of Man) to the Treaty of Accession is not to benefit from Community provisions relating to the free movement of persons and services;

and in this Act “recognised overseas diploma” means a diploma granted in a country overseas and recognised for the time being by the Council for the purposes of this Act, and does not include an appropriate European diploma.

[^{F2}(2A) Any person who—

- is not a national of an EEA State, but
- is, by virtue of a right conferred by Article 11 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1612/68^{F3} or any other enforceable Community right, entitled to be

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treated, for the purposes of access to the profession of dentistry, no less favourably than a national of such a State,

shall be treated for the purposes of subsection (1)(b) above as if he were such a national.]

- (3) A person shall not be entitled to be registered in the dentists register under paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1) above unless he satisfies the registrar as to the following matters, namely—
- (a) his identity;
 - (b) that he is of good character; and
 - (c) that he is in good health, both physically and mentally.
- (4) A person shall not be entitled to be registered in the dentists register under paragraph (c) of that subsection unless he satisfies the registrar as to the following matters, namely—
- (a) his identity;
 - (b) that he is of good character;
 - (c) that he has satisfied the Council that he has the requisite knowledge and skill;
 - (d) that he has the necessary knowledge of English; and
 - (e) that he is in good health, both physically and mentally.
- (5) An applicant for registration under subsection (1)(c) above has the necessary knowledge of English if he has the knowledge which, in the interests of himself and his patients, is necessary for the practice of dentistry in the United Kingdom.
- (6) The Council may direct that for the purposes of this section a particular person who has passed the examinations required to obtain a recognised overseas diploma shall be treated as a person holding a recognised overseas diploma.

[^{F4}(7) In this Act—

“the EEA Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992 ^{F5} as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993 ^{F6};

“EEA State” means a State which is a contracting party to the EEA Agreement.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 15(1)(b)(2) substituted (1.7.1996) by S.I. 1996/1496, reg. 2(1)

F2 S. 15(2A) inserted (1.7.1996) by S.I. 1996/1496, reg. 2(2)

F3 O.J. No. L257, 19.10.68 p.1. (amended by Council Regulation (EEC) No. 312/76 O.J. No. L39, 14.2.76, p.2).

F4 S. 15(7) inserted (1.7.1996) by S.I. 1996/1496, reg. 2(3)

F5 Cm 2073 and O.J. No. L1, 3.1.94, p.3.

F6 Cm 2183 and O.J. No. L1, 3.1.94, p.572.

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