

2004 No. 3409

**HEALTH CARE AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS
DOCTORS**

**The General Medical Council (Registration (Fees)
(Amendment) Regulations) Order of Council 2004**

Made - - - - - 7th December 2004

Coming into force - - - - - 1st January 2005

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 7th day of December 2004

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Whereas, in exercise of their powers under section 32 of the Medical Act 1983^(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the General Medical Council has made the Medical Practitioners Registration (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 as set out in the Schedule to this Order:

And whereas by section 32(8) of that Act, such regulations shall not come into force until approved by Order of the Privy Council:

Now, therefore, Their Lordships, having taken these regulations into consideration, are pleased to, and do hereby approve them.

This Order may be cited as the General Medical Council (Registration (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations) Order of Council 2004, and shall come into force on 1st January 2005.

A. K. Galloway
Clerk of the Privy Council

^(a) 1983 c. 54; section 32 was amended by the Medical (Professional Performance) Act 1995, section 4, Schedule, paragraph 3 and S.I. 1996/1591.

SCHEDULE
THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (FEES) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2004

The General Medical Council in exercise of their powers under section 32 of the Medical Act 1983, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Medical Practitioners Registration (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 and shall come into force on 1st January 2005.

(2) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Medical Practitioners Registration (Fees) Regulations 1985(a).

Amendment of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 2(1) of the principal Regulations the following definition shall be inserted after the definition of “due date”—

“the forthcoming registration year” means, in relation to a person registered with full or limited registration, the period of twelve months commencing on the next anniversary of that person’s date of full or limited registration or, if the person has not previously held full or limited registration, on the date of his being granted full or limited registration;”

3. After regulation 6 of the principal Regulations the following regulation shall be inserted—

Discount

7. Where the Registrar is satisfied that a person’s gross annual income in the current year or in the forthcoming registration year will be less than £19,700 he shall grant to that person a refund or a discount of one half of any fee which has been paid or would otherwise be payable by that person under regulation 4 or 5 in respect of the current year or the forthcoming registration year as appropriate.”

Application of these Regulations

4. Nothing in regulation 3 above shall result in a refund or discount of any fees due under or by virtue of the principal Regulations in respect of any registration year commencing before the coming into force of these Regulations.

Given under the official seal of the General Medical Council this 30th day of November 2004.



Graeme Catto
President

(a) S.I. 1986/149 amended by S.I. 1995/2786, 1997/1884, 2000/2141, 2001/3668 and 2003/1074.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Regulations approved by this Order amend the Medical Practitioners Registration (Fees) Regulations 1985 (scheduled to S.I. 1986/149) so as to make provision for persons whose gross annual income is less than £19,700 to pay half the fee that would otherwise be payable on registration or retention of registration under the Medical Act 1983 or to seek a refund of that amount.

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