
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 374

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

Part 1

GENERAL

Citation and commencement

- 1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024.
- (2) [Article 19\(1\)\(b\)](#) comes into force on 13th December 2026.
- (3) The remaining provisions of this Order come into force on 13th December 2024.

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;

“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).

(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).

(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.