

The General Pharmaceutical Council (Fees) Rules 2010

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The General Pharmaceutical Council has made these Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by articles 36 and 66(1)(c) of the Pharmacy Order 2010(a) having consulted such persons and organisations listed in paragraphs (a) to (d) of article 36(6) and in paragraphs (a) to (h) of article 66(3) as it considered appropriate in relation to rules under Part 3 of that Order.

(a) S.I.2010/[].

PART 1

General

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the General Pharmaceutical Council (Fees) Rules 2010 and come into force on [] 2010.

Interpretation

2. In these Rules—

“certificate of good standing and current professional status” means a certificate issued by the Council in respect of a person which contains the information referred to in rule 10(6) of the Registration Rules;

“initial entry” means the date on which an entry is first made in a part of the Register;

“overseas application” means —

(a) an application by a non-UK qualified person with—

- (i) a qualification gained in the person’s country of origin that would entitle that person to practise as a pharmacist in that country; or
- (ii) a qualification gained in the person’s country of origin that is equivalent to the Pharmacy Services S/NVQ level 3 that would entitle that person to practise as a pharmacy technician in that country; and

a period of work experience as a pharmacy technician in the United Kingdom of—

- (i) not less than 14 hours a week for four out of the eight years prior to the application for entry in the Register; or
- (ii) not less than 28 hours a week for two out of the four years prior to the application for entry in the Register; or

(b) an application by an exempt person who has a right to practise as a pharmacy technician by virtue of the General Systems Regulations(a);

“Registration Rules” means the rules contained in the Schedule to the General Pharmaceutical Council (Registration Rules) Order of Council 2010(b);

“route (a) application” means an application by a UK qualified person with a period of work experience as a pharmacy technician of—

- (a) not less than 14 hours a week for four out of the eight years prior to the application for entry in the Register; or
- (b) not less than 28 hours a week for two out of the four years prior to the application for entry in the Register; and

“route (b) application” means an application by a UK qualified person who has undertaken a minimum amount of work experience under the supervision, direction or guidance of a pharmacist of not less than 14 hours per week over a two year period either during the training period or post-qualification but does not meet the route (a) application criteria for the qualifying period of work experience.

(a) S.I.2007/2781; as amended by S.I.2009/1182.

(b) These Rules are contained in the Schedule to S.I.2010/[].

PART 2

Registered Pharmacists

Fees in respect of entry in Part 1 of the Register

3.—(1) The fee in respect of an application for the entry of a person in Part 1 of the Register is £203.

(2) The fee in respect of initial entry in Part 1 of the Register is £202 in addition to the application fee.

Fees in respect of an annotation made to an entry in Part 1 of the Register

4. The fee in respect of an application for an annotation to be made to an entry in Part 1 of the Register to denote that a registrant entered in that part of the Register is—

- (a) a supplementary prescriber; or
- (b) an independent prescriber,

is £52.

Fees in respect of the voluntary removal of an entry or an annotation made to an entry from Part 1 of the Register

5. No fee is payable in respect of—

- (a) an application for the voluntary removal of an entry from Part 1 of the Register; or
- (b) an application for the voluntary removal of an annotation in respect of a specialisation made to an entry in Part 1 of the Register.

Fees in respect of restoration to Part 1 of the Register

6.—(1) The fee in respect of an application for the restoration of an entry to Part 1 of the Register where—

- (a) the application is made following the voluntary removal of an entry from Part 1 of the Register is £203; or
- (b) the application has been granted by the Council's Fitness to Practise Committee under article 57 of the Order is £203,

in addition to the whole of the fee for initial entry in Part 1 of the Register specified in rule 3(2).

(2) The whole of the restoration fee specified in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) is payable irrespective of the date on which the entry is restored to Part 1 of the Register.

Fees in connection with notices and certificates

7.—(1) The fee for the replacement of a notice of entry in Part 1 of the Register is £15.

(2) The fee for issuing a certificate of good standing or current professional status in respect of a person entered in Part 1 of the Register is £75.

Administration fee

8.—(1) The fee for re-processing payments which have not been honoured by the bank or card issuer of an applicant for entry, or registrant entered in, Part 1 of the Register is £15.

(2) The fee for processing applications for entry in Part 1 of the Register where the application has been returned to the applicant for additional information more than once is £45 in addition to the application fee specified in rule 3(1).

Fees for determining certain qualifications and experience

9.—(1) The fee in respect of the initial scrutiny of an application for entry in Part 1 of the Register to determine whether an applicant from a relevant European State has a qualification or work experience which complies with Article 23 or Article 44 of Directive 2005/36/EU is £102.

(2) If following initial scrutiny of such an application it is determined that the applicant does not have a qualification or work experience which complies with Article 23 or Article 44 of Directive 2005/36/EU, the fee in respect of the assessment of qualifications and work experience in accordance with articles 10 and 14 of Directive 2005/36/EU is £358.

PART 3

Registered Pharmacy Technicians

Application fees in respect of entry in Part 2 of the Register

10. The fee in respect of an application for the entry of a person in Part 2 of the Register—

- (a) in the case of a route (a) application, is £49;
- (b) in the case of a route (b) application, is £203; and
- (c) in the case of an overseas application, is £234.

Fees in respect of entry in Part 2 of the Register

11. The fee in respect of initial entry in Part 2 of the Register is £138.

Fees in respect of voluntary removal of an entry

12. No fee is payable in respect of an application for the voluntary removal of an entry from Part 2 of the Register.

Fees in respect of restoration to Part 2 of the Register

13.—(1) The fee in respect of an application for the restoration of an entry to Part 2 of the Register where—

- (a) the application is made following the voluntary removal of an entry from Part 2 of the Register is £49; or
- (b) the application has been granted by the Council's Fitness to Practise Committee under article 57 of the Order is £49,

in addition to the whole of the fee payable for initial entry in Part 2 of the Register specified in rule 11.

(2) The whole of the restoration fee specified in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) is payable irrespective of the date on which the entry is restored to Part 2 of the Register.

Fees in connection with notices and certificates

14.—(1) The fee for the replacement of a notice of entry in Part 2 of the Register is £15.

(2) The fee for issuing a certificate of good standing or current professional status in respect of a person entered in Part 2 of the Register is £75.

Administration fees

15.—(1) The fee for re-processing payments which have not been honoured by the bank or card-issuer of the applicant for entry, or registrant entered in, Part 2 of the Register is £15.

(2) The fee for processing applications for entry in Part 2 of the Register where the application has been returned to the applicant for additional information more than once is £45 in addition to the application fee specified in rule 10 and the fee in respect of initial entry in Part 2 of the Register specified in rule 11.

Fees in respect of determining certain qualifications and experience

16.—(1) The fee in respect of the initial scrutiny of an application for entry in Part 2 of the Register to determine whether an applicant from a relevant European State has a qualification or work experience which complies with Article 23 or Article 44 of Directive 2005/36/EU is £102.

(2) If following initial scrutiny of such an application it is determined that the applicant does not have a qualification or work experience which complies with Article 23 or Article 44 of Directive 2005/36/EU, the fee in respect of the assessment of qualifications and work experience in accordance with articles 10 and 14 of Directive 2005/36/EU is £358.

PART 4

Premises

Fees in respect of entry of premises in Part 3 of the Register

17. The fee in respect of the initial entry of premises in Part 3 of the Register is £541.

Fees in respect of voluntary removal of an entry or annotation in Part 3 of the Register

18. No fee is payable in respect of—

- (a) an application for the voluntary removal of an entry of premises from Part 3 of the Register; or
- (b) an application for the voluntary removal of an annotation in respect of a specialisation made to an entry in Part 3 of the Register.

Fees in respect of the restoration of an entry of premises to Part 3 of the Register

19.—(1) The fee in respect of an application for the restoration of an entry of premises to Part 3 of the Register, where the application is made following the voluntary removal of the entry from that part of the Register, is £203 in addition to the whole of the fee for the initial entry of premises in Part 3 of the Register.

(2) The whole of the restoration fee specified in paragraph (1) is payable irrespective of the date on which the entry was restored to Part 3 of the Register.

Administration fees

20.—(1) The fee for re-processing payments which have not been honoured by the bank or card-issuer of the applicant for the entry of premises in part 3 of the Register or, as the case may be, the person carrying on a retail pharmacy business at premises entered in Part 3 of the Register is £15.

(2) The fee for processing applications for the entry of premises in Part 3 of the Register where the application has been returned to the applicant for additional information more than once is £45 in addition to the fee in respect of the initial entry of the premises in Part 3 of the Register specified in rule 17.

(3) The fee for making an alteration to an entry in Part 3 of the Register to record a change of ownership of a retail pharmacy business carried on at premises entered in that Part of the Register is £25.

Given under the official seal of the General Pharmaceutical Council this [] day of 2010.

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Secretary

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules are made by the General Pharmaceutical Council (“the Council”) under article 36 of the Pharmacy Order 2010. The Rules set fees in connection with entries in the Register established under article 19 of the Order (“the Register”) and maintained by the registrar appointed by the Council under article 18 of the Order (“the Registrar”).

Part 1 makes provision in respect of the citation, commencement and interpretation of the Rules.

Part 2 makes provision for the amount of fees to be charged in respect of an application to be entered in Part 1 of the Register (registered pharmacists) and for an entry to be made in that part of the Register. It also makes provision for the amount of fees to be charged in connection with applications for annotations in respect of specialisations to be made to an entry in Part 1 of the Register, applications for the voluntary removal of an entry, or an annotation in respect of a specialisation made to an entry, from Part 1 of the Register and for the restoration of an entry to Part 1 of the Register. Part 2 also sets out the amount of fees to be charged in connection with the issuing of certificates of good standing and in respect of certain administrative matters.

Part 3 makes similar provision to Part 2 for the amount of fees to be charged in respect of applications to be entered in Part 2 of the Register (registered pharmacy technicians) and for an entry to be made in that part of the Register. Similar provision to that made in Part 2 of the Rules is also made in connection with fees to be charged in respect of applications for the voluntary removal of an entry from Part 2 of the Register, for the restoration of an entry to that Part of the Register and for the amount of fees to be charged in connection with issuing certificates of good standing and in respect of certain administrative matters.

Part 4 makes provision for the amount of fees to be charged in respect of an application to enter premises in Part 3 of the Register (registered pharmacies) and for an entry of premises to be made in that part of the Register. Provision is also made in respect of the amount of fees to be charged in connection with applications for annotations in respect of specialisations to be made to an entry of premises entered in Part 3 of the Register, applications for the voluntary removal of an entry from Part 3 of the Register and for the restoration of an entry to Part 3 of the Register. Part 4 also sets out the amount of fees to be charged in connection with certain administrative matters.