

To whom it may concern

9 March 2021

Re: Necessary and essential travel to sit the GPhC registration assessment

The General Pharmaceutical Council ('GPhC') is the healthcare regulator responsible for regulating registered pharmacies and pharmacy professionals in Great Britain.

On the 17 and 18 March 2021 we will be holding the registration assessment at test centres across the UK owned and operated by Pearson Vue. Candidates will be required to travel from their home address to a test centre in order to sit the assessment using Pearson Vue's online computer-based test system.

Candidates must sit and pass the registration assessment to be eligible to apply to join our register. Once admitted to the register, individuals are permitted to use the term 'pharmacist' and may practise as a pharmacist in Great Britain.

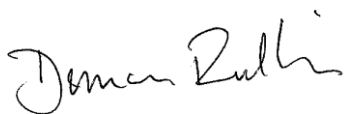
The registration assessment is the final examination before registration that candidates must sit after completing their pharmacy studies and having undertaken 12 months of pre- registration training in a pharmacy setting.

We are satisfied that it is essential to hold the registration assessment in collaboration with Pearson Vue despite the restrictions and challenges posed by COVID-19 because we have a responsibility to ensure the pharmacy profession remains accessible in order to support the wider pharmacy and healthcare workforces.

This letter is intended for the sole use of the candidate whose name and candidate number appears in the corresponding email and only for the purpose of travelling to or from their home address to the registration assessment on 17 or 18 March. The GPhC deems the candidate's travel for this purpose to be necessary and essential. This letter must not be passed to anyone else for them to use, nor may it be used to support travel for any purpose other than sitting the registration assessment.

In terms of safety measures in place at the test centres, we are assured that Pearson Vue will be applying the restrictions in place at the location of each of their venues to ensure they are compliant. Candidates are invited to check Pearson Vue's website before travelling to a test centre to ensure they are aware of the latest safety measures in place and requirements they must comply with upon their arrival. Here is a link to their website: <https://home.pearsonvue.com/coronavirus-update#face-masks>

Yours faithfully



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