STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 1351

HEALTH CARE AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS

DOCTORS

The General Medical Council (Registration Appeals Panels Procedure) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2024

Made - - - -	*16th December 2024*
Laid before Parliament	*18th December 2024*
Coming into force - -	*31st January 2025*

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 16th day of December 2024

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

The General Medical Council have made the General Medical Council (Registration Appeals Panels Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2024, which are set out in the Schedule to this Order, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraphs 2A(5) and 3(3) of Schedule 3A to the Medical Act 1983(**a**).

By virtue of paragraphs 2A(6) and 3(4) of Schedule 3A to that Act, such Rules shall not come into force until approved by Order of the Privy Council.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the General Medical Council (Registration Appeals Panels Procedure) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2024 and comes into force on 31st January 2025.

Privy Council approval

2. Their Lordships are pleased to and do approve the General Medical Council (Registration Appeals Panels Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2024 which are set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

(**a**) 1983 c. 54; Schedule 3A was inserted by S.I. 2002/3135. Paragraph 2A of Schedule 3A was inserted by S.I. 2010/234.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

The General Medical Council (Registration Appeals Panels Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2024

The General Medical Council make the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraphs 2A(5) and 3(3) of Schedule 3A to the Medical Act 1983.

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the General Medical Council (Registration Appeals Panels Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2024 and come into force on 31st January 2025.

Amendments

2.—(1) The General Medical Council (Registration Appeals Panels Procedure) Rules 2010(**a**) are amended as follows.

(2) In rule 3 (requisite periods), in paragraph (1)—

(a) at the end of sub-paragraph (a) omit "or"; and

(b) at the end of sub-paragraph (b) insert—

"; or

(c) four months from the date of receipt by the Registrar of an application for inclusion in the General Practitioner Register on the basis of eligibility by virtue of article 4(4A) of the 2010 Order(**b**) (general practitioners eligible for entry in the General Practitioner Register) or for inclusion in the Specialist Register on the basis of eligibility by virtue of article 8(6A) of the 2010 Order(**c**) (specialists eligible for entry in the Specialist Register).".

Given under the official seal of the General Medical Council on this 4th day of December 2024

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Professor Dame Carrie MacEwen
Chair

Charlie Massey
Chief Executive and Registrar

(**a**) As set out in the Schedule to S.I. 2010/476.
(**b**) Article 4(4A) was inserted by paragraph 88 of Part 5 of Schedule 3 to S.I. 2023/1286.
(**c**) Article 8(6A) was inserted by paragraph 89 of Part 5 of Schedule 3 to S.I. 2023/1286.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order of Council)

This Order approves and gives effect to the General Medical Council (Registration Appeals Panels Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2024. Those Rules amend the General Medical Council (Registration Appeals Panels Procedure) Rules 2010 (scheduled to S.I. 2010/476) ("the principal Rules"). The principal Rules include provision for the procedure to be followed when determining an appeal by a person against the decisions specified in Schedule 3A to the Medical Act 1983 (c. 54), including decisions following an application for inclusion within the General Medical Council's ("GMC") General Practitioner Register or Specialist Register.

Rule 2 amends rule 3 of the principal Rules and applies to applications made to the GMC's General Practitioner Register or Specialist Register by a person who is entitled to have their relevant qualification recognised by virtue of Part 2 of the Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognitions Agreements (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1286). The amendment relates to appeals of registration decisions on the ground of a failure by the GMC to notify an applicant of a decision within the relevant requisite period.

No impact assessment has been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary sector or community bodies is foreseen.

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