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MADE BY THE PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4(S) OF THE PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE COUNCIL (ESTABLISHMENT) ORDER, 2000, (S.I. NO. 109 OF 2000) AS AMENDED BY THE PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE COUNCIL (ESTABLISHMENT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 2004, (S.I. 575 OF 2004) AND RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONS) REGULATIONS, 2008, (S.I. 166 OF 2008)

1. These rules shall be known as the 'PHECC Registration Rules 2017'.
2. In accordance with the provisions of section 4(s) of the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (Establishment) Order, 2000 (as amended), the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (hereinafter referred to as 'the Council') shall establish and maintain, in accordance with these rules, a register of pre-hospital emergency care practitioners.
3. The register, which shall be known as the 'PHECC Register' shall be maintained on behalf of the Council by the Director.
4. The register will be divided into six divisions, which shall be known as follows:
 - (i) the emergency medical technician division,
 - (ii) the paramedic division;
 - (iii) the advanced paramedic division;
 - (iv) the visiting European emergency medical technician division for those providing the service of emergency medical technician in the State on a temporary or occasional basis pursuant to Part 4 of the Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Directive 2005/36/EC) Regulations 2008 (SI No 139 of 2008);
 - (v) the visiting European paramedic division for those providing the service of paramedic in the State on a temporary or occasional basis pursuant to Part 4 of the Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Directive 2005/36/EC) Regulations 2008 (SI No 139 of 2008);
 - (vi) the visiting European advanced paramedic division for those providing the service of advanced paramedic in the State on a temporary or occasional basis pursuant to Part 4 of the Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Directive 2005/36/EC) Regulations 2008 (SI No 139 of 2008).

Persons who are undertaking a recognised course for the award of an N.Q.E.M.T within the meaning of S.I. 109 of 2000 (as amended) may be registered as interns in the division appropriate to the level of NQEMT course which they are undertaking.

5. A person seeking registration on the PHECC Register shall apply, in the form appended to these rules, to the Director for registration.

6. The Director shall grant registration, in the appropriate division of the Register, to any person who:
- (i) Was awarded an N.Q.E.M.T. within the meaning of S.I. 109 of 2000 (as amended) within the previous 12 months or
 - (ii) Is currently undertaking a recognised course for the award of an N.Q.E.M.T within the meaning of S.I. 109 of 2000 (as amended). Such persons may be afforded intern registration in the division appropriate to the level of NQEMT course they are undertaking. Intern registration is subject to the applicant practising under the clinical lead of a registered practitioner at the division of their registration or at a higher division or
 - (iii) Wishes to provide the services of an emergency medical technician, paramedic or advanced paramedic in the State on a temporary or occasional basis and is entitled to provide such services pursuant to Part 4 of the Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Directive 2005/36/EC) Regulations 2008 (SI No 139 of 2008) and
 - (iv) Is currently certified at the Cardiac First Responder – Advanced level and provides evidence of same to the Director and
 - (v) Is familiar with the current PHECC Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) relevant to their registration status and
 - (a) has successfully completed the PHECC CPG Familiarisation Module online or
 - (b) provides a certificate from a PHECC licenced CPG service provider or a PHECC recognised institution confirming the applicant's familiarisation with the current PHECC CPGs relevant to their registration status.
 - (vi) Has no criminal conviction or health condition which would mean that the applicant is not a fit and proper person for registration and
 - (vii) Has formally undertaken to the Council that he/she will:
 - (a) Comply with the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, and
 - (b) Maintain familiarity with the current PHECC Clinical Practice Guidelines relevant to their registration status and
 - (c) Practise in accordance with their CPG privileged status as issued by the licensed CPG service provider on whose behalf they are practicing, and
 - (d) Fully complete Patient Care Reports in respect of all care afforded to patients, and
 - (e) Comply with the Continuing Professional Competency (CPC) requirements as approved from time to time by the Council, and

- (f) Engage appropriately with any inquiries by the Fitness to Practice Committee, or any of its sub-committees, and
 - (g) Will support interns or colleagues, and
 - (viii) Has fully completed the PHECC application process and
 - (ix) Has paid the appropriate registration fee.
7. The Council may delegate to the Director the power to consider and decide upon registration applications. All registration applications which are granted by the Director will be noted by the Council.
8. Where the Director has decided, in the exercise of his or her discretion, to register a person on the PHECC Register, the Director shall:
- (i) Register persons that have obtained an N.Q.E.M.T. at the level of competence of emergency medical technician in the emergency medical technician division of the PHECC Register, and
 - (ii) Register persons that have obtained an N.Q.E.M.T. at the level of competence of paramedic in the paramedic division of the PHECC Register, and
 - (iii) Register persons that have obtained an N.Q.E.M.T. at the level of competence of advanced paramedic in the advanced paramedic division of the PHECC Register, and
 - (iv) Register emergency medical technicians providing the service of emergency medical technician in the State on a temporary or occasional basis pursuant to Part 4 of the Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Directive 2005/36/EC) Regulations 2008 (SI No 139 of 2008), and
 - (v) Register paramedics providing the service of paramedic in the State on a temporary or occasional basis pursuant to Part 4 of the Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Directive 2005/36/EC) Regulations 2008 (SI No 139 of 2008), and
 - (vi) Register advanced paramedics providing the service of advanced paramedic in the State on a temporary or occasional basis pursuant to Part 4 of the Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Directive 2005/36/EC) Regulations 2008 (SI No 139 of 2008) where visiting European, and
 - (vii) Register, as interns, persons who are undertaking a recognised course for the award of an N.Q.E.M.T within the meaning of S.I. 109 of 2000 (as amended) in the division appropriate to the level of NQEMT course which they are undertaking.
9. Registration of a person's name on the PHECC Register shall be for a period of one calendar year. A first application for registration with PHECC shall be contained on an Initial Application Form for Registration. If registration is granted, registration shall be for a period of 12 months. Reregistration with PHECC shall be as per the annual reregistration process.

10. If a registrant applies to PHECC to move from one division of the register to another division, a completed change of status application form must be submitted to PHECC.
11. The Register will record the information contained in the application form for each registrant
12. Where the Director has decided, in his or her discretion, to refuse to register an applicant, the applicant is entitled to appeal that decision. Any appeal will be conducted in the manner set out in the PHECC appeal procedure.
13. Registrants may voluntarily withdraw their entry or suspend their active status on the PHECC Register with the agreement of the Director in certain circumstances as follows:
 - (i) Authorised Maternity/Paternity/Parental leave periods
 - (ii) Authorised career breaks
 - (iii) Full time educational courses
 - (iv) Long term illness
14. Applications for voluntary withdrawal from or suspension on the Register in other circumstances or change of status will be decided on a case by case basis by the Director.
15. In all cases documentary evidence must be provided in support of the voluntary change of status on the register.
16. If a complaint has been received in relation to a registrant on the grounds of misconduct or unfitness to practise, the registrant shall not voluntarily withdraw his or her name from the Register for so long as the Fitness to Practise process is ongoing. If, while a complaint is being considered by PHECC, the registrant's registration lapses on the expiry of the registrant's current registration period, the Fitness to Practise process will be paused and may be considered or reactivated in the event that the registrant applies to renew his/her registration in the future.

17. The Director shall endeavour to ensure that any information contained on the Register is accurate and shall:

- (i) correct all errors in the Register,
- (ii) remove from the Register any entries procured by fraud or misrepresentation,
- (iii) enter in the Register changes in the descriptions or addresses of persons registered in the register,
- (iv) remove from the register the names of persons whose deaths have come to the notice of the Council,
- (v) arrange for a notice of correction, where practicable, to be furnished to the registered person.
- (vi) shall cause the Register to be maintained and published.

18. The Register shall be kept at the offices of the Council, and

- (i) it shall be made available publicly on the PHECC website, at such times and such manner as may be prescribed by the Council,
- (ii) where a request is made by a registrant to the Registrar for a certified or uncertified copy or extract from, an entry in the Register, the Director shall provide a copy of the entry or extract to that person.

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