


PHECC REGISTRATION RULES 2020 COVID-19 Special Division

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 2020-COVID-19 special division.
2. In accordance with the provisions of the Ministerial direction dated 28 March 2020 the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (hereinafter referred to as 'the Council') shall establish and maintain, in accordance with these rules, a division of the register of pre-hospital emergency care practitioners to be known as the COVID-19 special division.
3. The register, which shall be known as the 'PHECC Register COVID-19 special division' will be temporary and shall be maintained on behalf of the Council by the Director. The policy objective of this register is to ensure that Council, who have the task of ensuring protection of the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct, education, training and competence through statutory registration have the ability to restore to the register and register de novo persons during the period of the COVID-19 outbreak.
4. Registration under the COVID-19 route is focused on two categories of applicants;
 - (i) *Restoration to registration:* To ensure prompt restoration to the register of previous registrants (eg voluntary removal, non-payment of fee, but not removed from the register through Fitness to Practice reasons).
 - (ii) *First-time registration:* To facilitate the registration of new applicants in a timely fashion, striking a balance between the risk of taking on persons who would not otherwise be registered without confirmation by other regulators

that there are no concluded or outstanding fitness to practise and certification of good standing, and the need to speedily add these and other applicants to the register.

5. A COVID-specific application must be completed by persons seeking registration in the form appended to these rules, to the Director for registration.
6. Registration under the COVID-19 route will run concurrently with the usual Council registration process. COVID-19-related registrants may make an application for registration through the normal mechanism. COVID-19 registration will not provide entitlement to be "restored" to the normal register. A person who wishes to be registered through the existing registration mechanism will need to apply through the normal mechanism.
7. Registration under COVID-19 route will not be made if it is not in the interests of public safety.
8. The Director shall grant registration, in the appropriate division of the Register, to any person who:
 - (i) Holds an N.Q.E.M.T. within the meaning of S.I. 109 of 2000 (as amended) and
 - (ii) Wishes to apply to have their name entered in the PHECC Register through the COVID-19 process to provide the services as per PHECC Clinical Practice Guidelines 2017 and
 - (iii) Is currently willing to be certified at the Cardiac First Responder – Advanced level and undertakes to provide evidence of same to the PHECC and
 - (iv) Is familiar with the current PHECC 2017 CPGs and
 - (v) Has no criminal conviction or health condition which would mean that the applicant is not a fit and proper person for registration and
 - (vi) Has formally undertaken to the Council that s/he will:
 - (a) Comply with the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics COVID-19, and
 - (b) Practise in accordance with the PHECC 2017 CPGs as privileged by the licenced CPG service provider on whose behalf they are practising, and

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- (c) Will fully complete Patient Care Reports in respect of all care afforded to patients, and
 - (d) Engage appropriately with any inquiries by the Fitness to Practice Committee, or any of its sub-committees, and
 - (e) Will support interns and colleagues.
9. 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.
 10. Registration of a person's name through the COVID-19 process shall expire on 31 July 2020. This may be extended or terminated by Council at any stage.
 11. The Register will record the information contained in the application form for each registrant.
 12. Where the Director has decided, in his/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.
 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. If a complaint has been received in relation to a registrant on the grounds of misconduct or unfitness to practise, 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.

16. 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.

17. The Register shall be maintained in electronic format at the offices of the Council, and

- (i) it shall be made available publically 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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