

Health and Care Professionals

Coronavirus Bill 2020: Guidance on the Government's proposed legislation to fight Coronavirus. The Bill will go for second reading on 23.03.20 and should receive Royal Assent by the end of March.

Emergency registration of nurses and other health and care professionals

Schedule 1 contains temporary modifications of

- The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 and the Health Professionals Order 2001

Suitability

- Health & Care Professions Council has stated that they have agreed to automatically re-register all Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) who have voluntarily left the HCPC register over the last three years onto a temporary COVID-19 Register.
- No fees will be charged.

Temporary Register with Two Parts

- The HCPC will have a temporary register with two parts which will include: former registrants who have de-registered within the last three years and final year students on UK approved programmes who have completed all their clinical practice placements.

Implementation Phases

- **Phase one:** writing to former registrants from following groups who have de-registered in the past three years to inform them they will be added to COVID-19 temporary register: Biomedical Scientists, Occupational Therapists, Operating Department Practitioners, Paramedics, Physiotherapists and Radiographers
- **Phase two:** writing to former registrants from the remaining nine groups who have de-registered in the past three years to inform them they will be added to a temporary register: Arts Therapists, Chiropodists/podiatrists, Clinical Scientists, Dietitians, Hearing Aid Dispenses, Orthoptists, Practitioner Psychologists, Prosthetists/orthotists and Speech and language therapists.
- **Phase three:** HCPC is working with the Council of Deans of Health and UK Higher Education Institutions to include final year students who have completed all their clinical practice placements to be put on an COVID-19 temporary register (students).