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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 966

HEALTH CARE AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS

The General Dental Council (Continuing Professional Development) (Dentists and Dental Care Professionals) Rules Order of Council 2017

Made - - - -	*2nd October 2017*
Coming into force - -	*1st January 2018*

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall the 2nd day of October 2017
By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

The General Dental Council has made the General Dental Council (Continuing Professional Development) (Dentists and Dental Care Professionals) Rules 2017 which are set out in the Schedule to this Order, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 34A(1) and (4), 34B, 36Z1(1) and (4), 36Z2, 50A(6) and (7), and 50C(5) and (6) of the Dentists Act 1984 [F1].

By virtue of section 50C(2) and (3) [F2] of that Act, these rules are not to come into force until approved by order of the Privy Council.

F1 1984 c.24. Section 34A and 34B were inserted by S.I. 2001/3926 and substituted by S.I. 2005/2011 article 27; sections 36Z1 and 36Z2 were inserted by S.I. 2005/2011 article 33; and sections 50A and 50C were inserted by S.I. 2005/2011 article 43.

F2 Section 50C(2) was amended by S.I.2009/1182 Schedule 1 paragraph 10.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the General Dental Council (Continuing Professional Development) (Dentists and Dental Care Professionals) Rules Order of Council 2017 and comes into force on 1st January 2018.

Privy Council approval

2. Their Lordships, having taken the Rules in the Schedule into consideration, are pleased to and do approve them.

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Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE 1 Article 2

The General Dental Council (Continuing Professional Development) (Dentists and Dental Care Professionals) Rules 2017

These rules are made by the General Dental Council, in exercise of their powers under sections 34A(1) and (4), 34B, 36Z1(1) and (4), 36Z2, 50A(6) and (7), and 50C(5) and (6) of the Dentists Act 1984 [F3].

F3 1984 c.24.

F3 1984 c.24.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These rules may be cited as the General Dental Council (Continuing Professional Development) (Dentists and Dental Care Professionals) Rules 2017 and come into force on 1st January 2018.

(2) These rules take effect—

(a) in respect of dentists, on 1st January 2018;

(b) in respect of dental care professionals, on 1st August 2018.

(3) In these rules—

"CPD" means continuing professional development through learning, training, or other developmental activities which—

(a) can reasonably be expected to maintain and develop a person's practice as a dentist or dental care professional; and

(b) is relevant to the person's field of practice;

"CPD cycle" means, in respect of—

(a) a dentist, a period of five years beginning on 1st January following the date the dentist is first registered and each subsequent period of five years;

(b) a dental care professional, a period of five years beginning on 1st August following the date the dental care professional is first registered and each subsequent period of five years;

(c) a temporary registrant, an accumulation of 1826 days of temporary registration beginning on the first day of temporary registration;

"CPD record" means the record kept by a practitioner in accordance with rule 3;

"CPD requirement" means the number of CPD hours required to be undertaken in accordance with rule 2;

"CPD year" means, in respect of—

(a) a dentist, a period of 12 months beginning on 1st January in any calendar year;

(b) a dental care professional, a period of 12 months beginning on 1st August in any calendar year; and

(c) a temporary registrant, an accumulation of 365 days of temporary registration;

"dental care professional" means a registered dental care professional [F4];

"dentist" means a registered dentist [F5];

"field of practice" in respect of a person means the activities that comprise the person's practice and intended practice, having regard to the title under which they are registered or in respect of which they are applying for restoration to the register, or area of specialist practice, within that title;

"practitioner" means a dentist or a dental care professional other than a person referred to in section 34AA(1) or 36Z4(1) [F6];

"register"—

(a) in respect of a dentist, means the dentists register established under section 14(1);

(b) in respect of a dental care professional, means the dental care professionals register established under section 36B(1);

and in both cases "registered" shall be construed accordingly;

"temporary registrant" means a person registered under section 17 [F7].

(4) In these Rules, "learning outcome" means an outcome intended to maintain or achieve a standard of conduct, performance and practice expected of dentists or dental care professionals (as the case may be) according to guidance prepared by the Council under section 26B(1) and 36M(1) [F8] relating to, in whole or in part, one or more of the following—

(a) effective communication with patients, the dental team, and others across dentistry, including when obtaining consent, dealing with complaints, and raising concerns where patients are at risk;

(b) effective self-management and effective management of, or work with, others in the dental team, to serve the interests of patients at all times, and provide constructive leadership where appropriate;

(c) the maintenance and development of knowledge and skill within a practitioner's field of practice;

(d) the maintenance of skills, behaviours and attitudes which maintain patient confidence in the practitioner and in the dental profession and which put patients' interests first.

(5) In these rules, references to numbered Parts, sections and subsections are references to so numbered Parts, sections and subsections of the Dentists Act 1984.

F4 "Registered dental care professional" is defined in section 53 of the Act to mean a person for the time being registered in the dental care professionals register under a title or titles.

F5 "Registered dentist" is defined in section 53 of the Act to mean (subject to section 17(4) of the Act) a person for the time being registered in the register.

F6 Persons referred to in section 34AA(1) and 36Z4(1) are visiting dentists from a relevant European state.

F7 A person registered under section 17 is registered to practise dentistry in a particular post in a hospital or other institution for a specified period of time and holds a recognised overseas diploma.

F8 The Council has produced the guidance 'Standards for the Dental Team' under section 26B(1) and 36M(1) of the Act.

CPD requirement

2.—(1) For each CPD cycle, a practitioner must complete the minimum number of hours of CPD determined in accordance with the following table-

Table

Column 1 *Title*	*Column 2* *Minimum hours of CPD per cycle*
Dentists	100
Dental therapists	75
Dental hygienists	75
Orthodontic therapists	75
Clinical dental technicians	75
Dental nurses	50
Dental technicians	50

(2) Where a practitioner is registered under only one of the titles entered in column 1 of the table, the minimum number of hours of CPD that practitioner must complete is that set out in the entry in column 2 of the table which corresponds to that particular title.

(3) Where a practitioner is registered under more than one title entered in column 1 of the table, the minimum number of hours of CPD that practitioner must complete is the highest of the entries in column 2 of the table which corresponds to those particular titles.

(4) The CPD undertaken in each CPD cycle must include activities relevant to each field of practice in which the practitioner practised during that cycle.

(5) In completing the minimum number of hours required under paragraph (1)—

(a) a temporary registrant must undertake at least 20 hours of CPD during each CPD year;

(b) a practitioner who is not a temporary registrant must undertake at least 10 hours of CPD during each period of two consecutive CPD years (including any such two year period which spans over more than one CPD cycle).

(6) Any CPD undertaken by the practitioner is only to count towards the minimum number of hours referred to in paragraphs (1) and (5) if—

(a) there is documentary evidence from the provider of the CPD which states—

(i) the subjects, learning content, aims, objectives and anticipated learning outcomes of the CPD and the date that the CPD was undertaken,

(ii) the total number of hours of CPD undertaken,

(iii) the name of the practitioner who has participated in the CPD activity,

(iv) that the CPD is subject to quality assurance and the name of the person or body providing the quality assurance is provided;

(b) that documentary evidence includes confirmation from the provider that the information contained in it is full and accurate; and

(c) the CPD delivered a learning outcome identified in the practitioner's CPD record in accordance with rule 3(2)(a).

CPD record

3.—(1) A practitioner must maintain a written record of all CPD that the practitioner plans to undertake and has undertaken during the CPD cycle.

(2) The CPD record must comprise—