STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2017 No. 188

PHARMACY

The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

Made - - - - 14th September 2017

Coming into operation 9th October 2017

The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland, with the approval of the Department of Health(**1**) in accordance with Article 25A(2) of the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(**2**), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 5(1) of the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(**3**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 and shall come into operation on 9th October 2017.

2. In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994(**4**).

Amendment of the principal Regulations

3. In Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations (Qualifications for registration)—

(1) for paragraph (3)(a) substitute—

"(a) (i) has been registered as a pharmaceutical chemist for a period of two years or more; or

(ii) has evidence from the competent authorities of a relevant European State of being lawfully established as a pharmacist for a period of two years or more;

(aa) is currently registered as a pharmaceutical chemist;".

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: see 2016 c.5 (N.I.), section 1(5) and the Department of Health and Social Services: see S.I. 1999/283 (N.I.1), article 3(6).

(**2**) Article 25A is inserted by Article 9 of S.R. 2012 No. 308.

(**3**) S.I. 1976/1213 (N.I. 22) the relevant amendments are 1981 c.55, S.I. 1994/429 (N.I. 2), S.R. 2004 No. 78, S.R. 2008 No. 192, S.R. 2012 No. 308, and S.I. 2015/ 806.

(**4**) S.R. 1994 No. 202 as amended by S.R. 1996 No. 187, S.R. 1999 No.217, S.R. 2002 No. 206, S.R. 2003 No. 356, S.R. 2004 No. 236, S.R. 2005 No. 63, S.R. 2006 Nos.207 and 240, S.R. 2007 No. 287, S.R. 2008 No. 222, S.R. 2009 No. 166 and S.R. 2016 No. 170.

(2) in paragraph (3), for "in that register" substitute—

"in the register of pharmaceutical chemists to note that he is qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances as a supplementary prescriber".

(3) after paragraph (3), insert –

"(4) Where a person –

(a) (i) has been registered as a pharmaceutical chemist for a period of two years or more; or

(ii) has evidence from the competent authorities of a relevant European State of being lawfully established as a pharmacist for a period of two years or more;

(b) is currently registered as a pharmaceutical chemist;

(c) gives to the registrar a certificate stating that he has satisfactorily completed a training programme accredited by the Society for the annotation "IP" (Independent Prescriber) to be recorded against his name; and

(d) pays a fee of £25 to the Society,

he shall be entitled to have that annotation recorded against his name by the registrar in the register of pharmaceutical chemists to note that he is qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances as a pharmacist independent prescriber.".

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland on 14th September 2017 in the presence of

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Jim Livingstone
President
Trevor Patterson
Chief Executive