Information for overseas pharmacists

Anyone wanting to work in the UK as a pharmacist must register with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) [1].

**EEA nationals**

The GPhC is the regulatory body for pharmacists in England, Scotland and Wales. It also regulates pharmacy technicians. Registration with the GPhC does not provide the right to work in the UK.

**Qualifications obtained outside the EEA**

Applicants who hold qualifications obtained outside the EEA, or non-EEA nationals who hold European pharmacy qualifications (other than a UK-recognised pharmacy qualification), must follow the GPhC Overseas Pharmacists Assessment Programme (OSPAP) [2] to apply for registration.

Further information for overseas (non-EEA) qualified pharmacists is available on the GPhC website.

**EEA nationals with a European qualification**

Nationals of the European Economic Area (EEA) possessing a European pharmacy qualification and who wish to apply to register with the GPhC must first complete an information pack and provide the information requested. An applicant's route to registration will depend on how the competent authority describes the qualifications and/or work experience held by the individuals in relation to the relevant European Directives.

There are two possible routes to registration. Details are available on the GPhC website [3].

When the GPhC has verified the information requested, the appropriate application for registration form will be sent to the applicant.

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