

The registration renewals process – the way forward

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Key Assumptions



Volume predictions have been made using information from the document, Projected registrant numbers : 2008 – 2013.

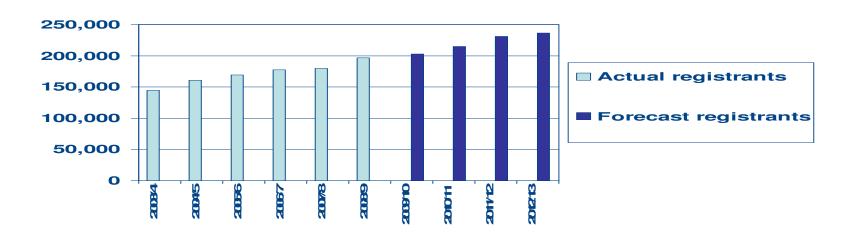
- Net increase of 9% in registrants in 2008/2009, 3% in 2009/2010, 6% in 2010/2011, 7% in 2011/2012 and 2% in 2012/2013 based on
 - HPC regulates hearing aid dispensers in April 2009, practitioner psychologists in July 2009, Healthcare scientists group one in 2010/11 and counsellors and psychotherapists in 2011/12
 - 30% of registrants are sent a final notice in their renewal cycle
 - 2.5% of registrants leave the register in years where they are not in renewal; 6.5% of registrants lapse at the end of the professional cycle
- Continuing professional development (CPD) assessments starts from June 2008 at 5% for two professions and is planned to be stepped down to 2.5% for the other 11 professions in April 2009.
- And other assumptions made in the paper Projected registrant numbers 2008-2013 forecast that came to the Finance and Resources Committee on 20th November 2007 (FRC 120/07)



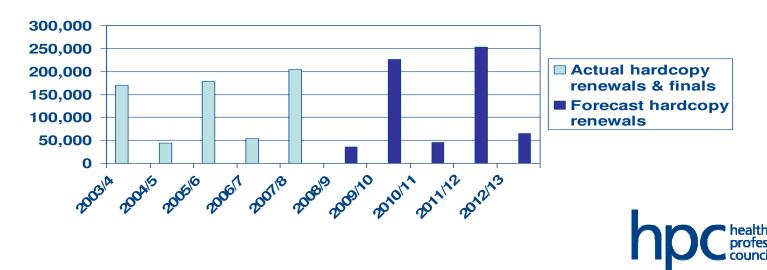
Where do we see the registration work profile in 5 years?



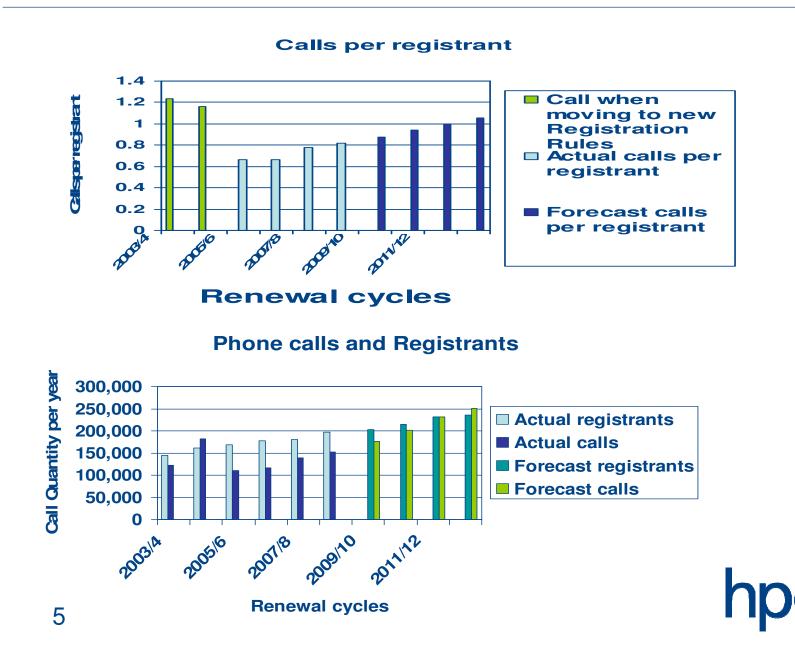
As the register grows, we will need to process more and more renewal notices and final notices, within the renewal cycle.



Hard copy renewal notice printing



Ratio of calls per registrant increasing and registrants numbers are increasing year on year.

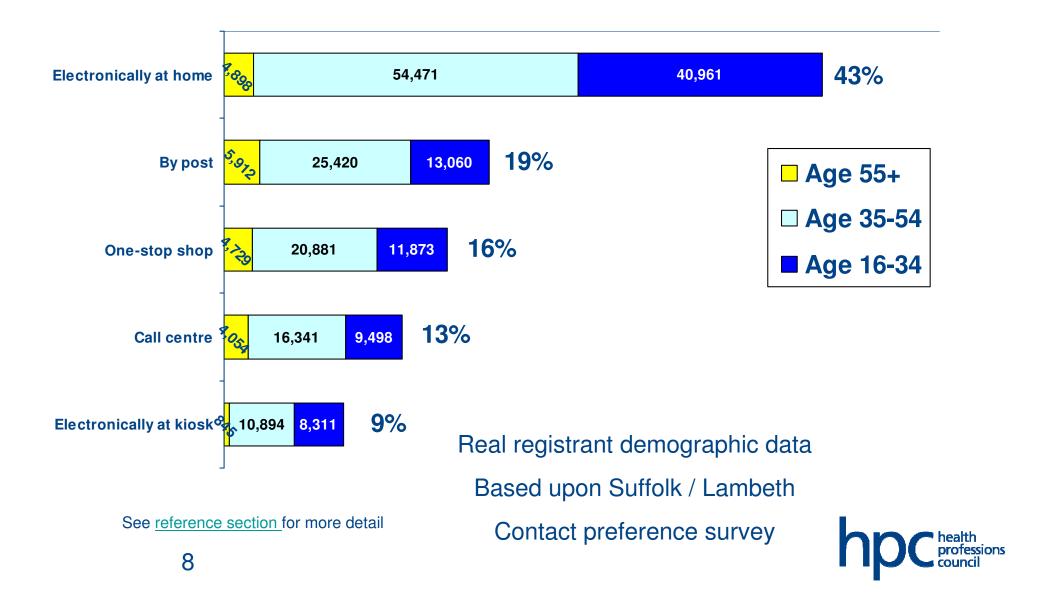


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What will registrants expect from HPC in the future?



The public expects that more and more services will be provided on-line, and prefers to use the internet as opposed to post, call-centre or offline mechanisms.



What are the market / commercial trends about the provision of online services?



The commercial sector is investing heavily in online activities to cater for the increased customer demand

- Tesco's 2007-8 results show that on-line sales growing faster than "in-store" sales In store sales up 6.7%; trading profit up 7.1% (after US & Direct initial losses), on-line sales up 30.9%, profit (pre-Direct initial losses) up 49.2%;
- Argos/Homebase (Home Retail Group) is the 3rd most searched for retailer on-line, after Amazon and eBay
- Argos/Homebase (Home Retail Group), have seen a 35% growth in on-line reserve services in the last year
- Argos/Homebase (Home Retail Group) are increasing numbers of product lines added to their website by **30%** compared to last year
- In 2007, 15% of all UK sales are via the internet (IMRG/Cap Gemini report quoted May 2008 in New Media Age)
- 26% of over 70's using the internet use it for paying bills
- 9% of over 70's using the internet for on-line shopping

See reference section for more detail



A history of continuous improvement in Registrations



Since HPCs inception, Registrations has been making system, process and people developments to improve our customer service, whilst implementing additional regulatory requirements

April 2002 - July 2003	Develop new registration system	
July 2003	Roll out new, registration, renewal, grandparenting, internal, EEA, UK application processes under Health Professions Order 2001	
June 2004 – August 2004	Local Anesthesia /Prescription Only Medicine entitlement validation	
Dec 2003 - Sept 2004	Regulation of Operating Department Practitioners	
Feb 2005 - June 2005	Authentication card included with renewal certificates	
April 2005 - July 2005	Intelligent Character Recognition	
July 2005	Grandparenting window closes for 12 professions	
	Registration moves into Operations Directorate	
October 2005	Lapsing letters to employers	
Feb 2006 - July 2006	Returners to practise	
April 2006	Implementation of supplementary prescribing	
September 2006	Grandparenting window closes for Operating Department Practitioners	
Sept 2006 – May 2007	Contact centre management training for customer service managers	
October 2006 - June 2007	On-line multiple registrant search	
Feb 2007 – Jan 2008	Customer service training for registration advisors	
April 2007 – March 2008	Finance system upgrade to Sage 200	
April 2007- March 2008	Application server upgrade	



April 2007 – on-going	Equality & diversity
April 2007 – April 2008	Develop on-line contact management
April 2007 - June 2008	Develop CPD system
June 2007	Renewal and final notice form review
	Change of fee structure
	Change registration certificate
	Certified copy of identity documents for applicants
July 2007	Implement of intermediate lapsing
Sept 2007	Merge two Registrations departments together
October 2007	Develop temporary registration regulation system
April 2008	Relocate Registrations department to one single floor



On-line renewals is the next major improvement

April 2008 – April 2009 Develop on-line renewals



On-line services



For Council & committee members : the Extranet



Council & committee member extranet on-line resource to share information such as private papers, standing orders, travel expense procedures etc.

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The HPC extranet is a way for groups associated with HPC to share information.	
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For registrants : on-line contact management



We are currently rolling out an on-line system to allow registrants to update their address, telephone numbers and email addresses electronically.

- Phase I Rolled out to OR's October 2007, 28 enrolled
- Phase 2 Starting mid June 2008 we will be rolling out activation codes to additional professions, one per month

 Phase 3 – November 2008 Revise and roll out to additional tranches of professions



For registrants : on-line renewals



We are currently in the early stage of developing a system allowing registrants to renew electronically.

HPC provide each registrant and authentication card when they register and a one –off activation code

One off activation code

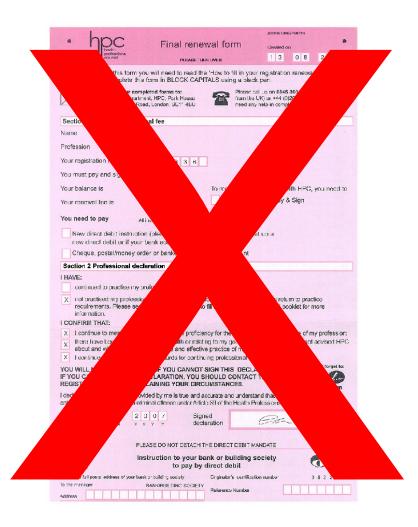
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Authentication card





Without the need to send HPC a hardcopy, physical signed declaration, unless requested.

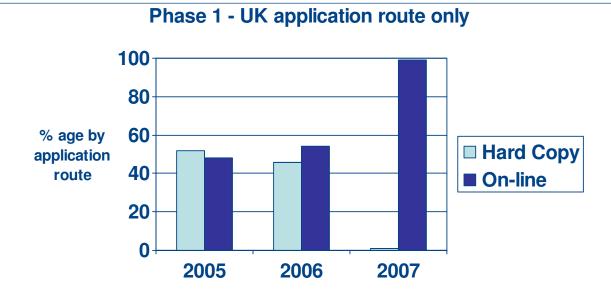




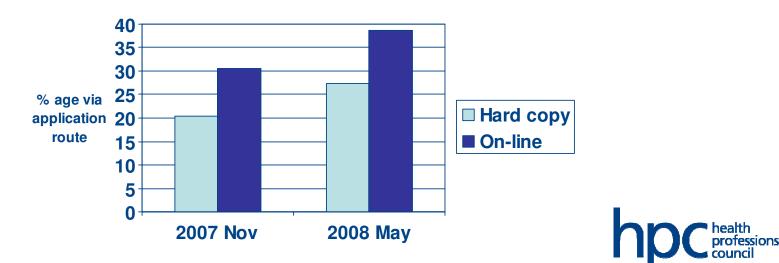
Forecast take up rate of HPC's on-line renewal system



General Medical Council had considerable take up rates with online applications



Phase 2 - UK & international application routes

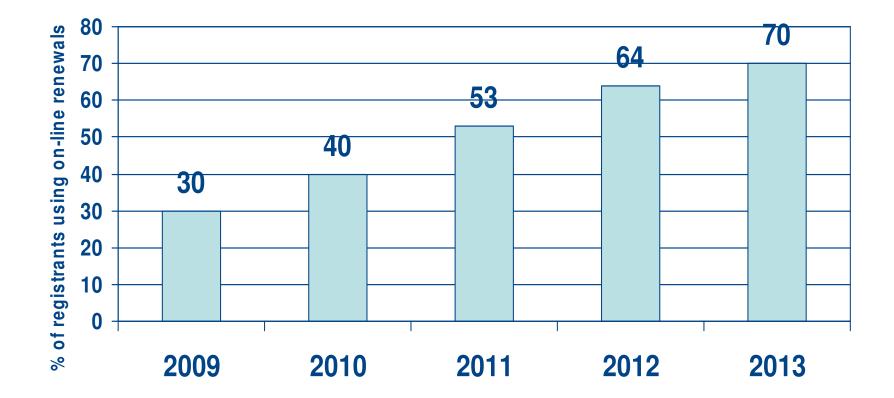


Other regulators have since seen a considerable take up rate of on-line services

- Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain have seen a take up rate of **30% 2006**, 40% 2007, **53% 2008**
- The state regulator in Delaware, USA has seen a **90% take up** of on-line renewals within 2 years
- Physiotherapist regulator in Ontario Canada has seen a 85% take up of on-line renewals in 2 years
- Dietitian regulator in Ontario, Canada has seen a 60% take up of on-line renewals in 1 year
- HMRC on-line self assessment service has seen 16.6% growth in take up 2007-2008



We anticipate take-up rates for on-line renewals to be 30% in 2009, 40 % in 2010, 53% in 2011, and 64% in 2012.

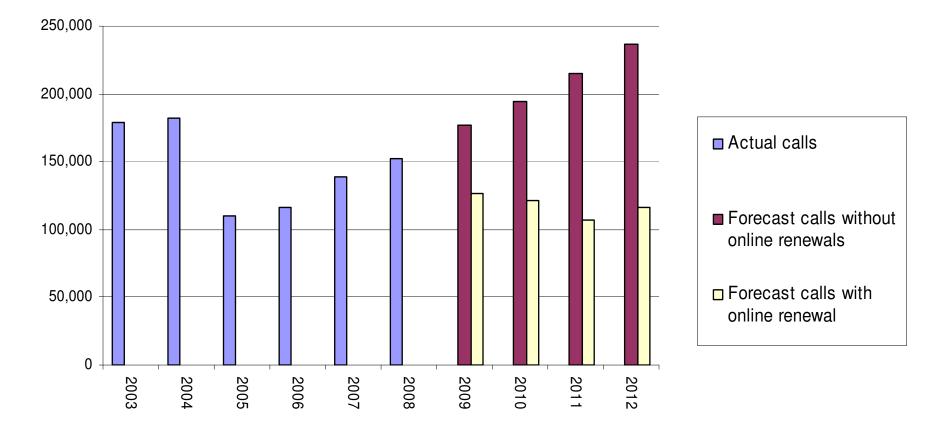




Quantifiable benefits



With on-line renewals, we expect calls to be significantly reduced, possibly back to 2005 - 2006 registrant/call ratios.

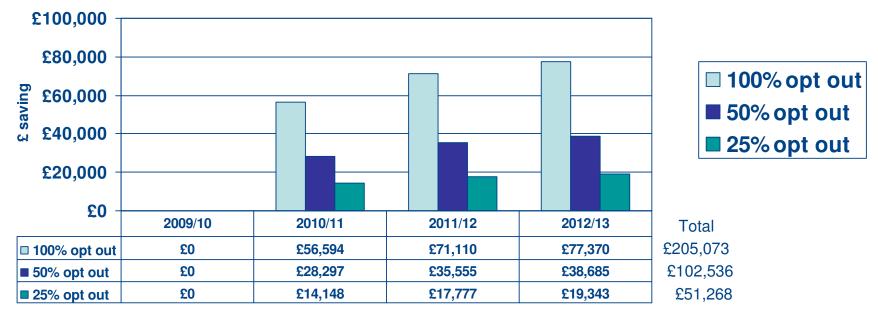


Assumption: There will be a 5% net increase in on-line renewal customer service related calls

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With on-line renewals, we expect a significant reduction in hard copy renewal form costs.

- Cost per registration renewal form is 77p
 - Renewal form 37p
 - Overlaying renewal details and name 9p
 - Outgoing C5 envelope 4p
 - Postage 27p



 All registrants must initially receive a hard copy renewal form in 2009 and proactively decide to opt out for future years. Assumes no postage increases 31



With on-line renewals, we expect not to increase registration employees by another 10 people in 2009. A cost saving of £200,000.

- In order to meet the increase in registrants expectations in processing renewal forms and with increased demand for telephone transactions, the Registrations department would need to increase the full time equivalents (FTE) by 10 registration advisors
- 10 registration advisors on a package of £20,0000/p.a.
- Saving of £200,000



Unquantifiable benefits



Unquantifiable benefits

- Provides an additional customer service channel outside of office hours
- Improves customer service in the call centre
 - Spend less time on simple calls ie. *"have you processed my registration renewal?"* and more time on value-added calls ie *"Why does my registration renewal say I need to pay £36?"*
- Benefits to employers
 - Fewer registrants having to be downgraded to assistant
 - Fewer registrants having to work as an assistant
 - Less impacts on patient care



Benefits to registrants

- Instant confirmation of transaction after completing details
- Independent of the postal service and of hardcopy renewal forms
- Renewal from anywhere home, work, on holiday, abroad
- Self-service address changes
- In the future, we will be able to get registrants to change/check additional information



Benefits to the environment

• Reduction in paper – destroy less trees!

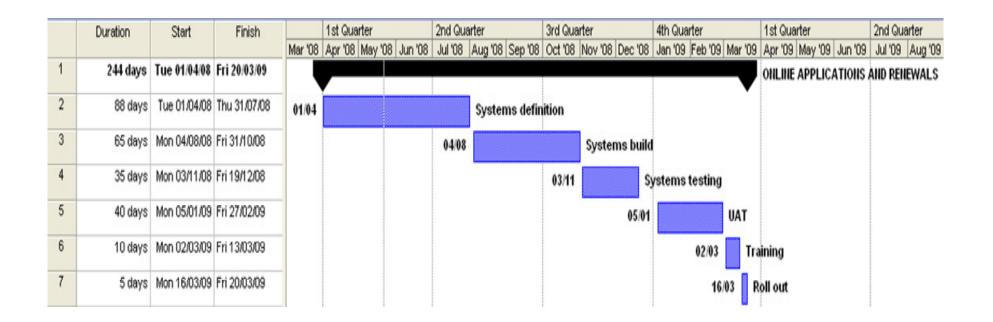


Delivery



Development of on-line renewals has started and is targeted for completion by March 2009

- In 2008/2009 budget (£300,000, CAPEX; £22,000, OPEX)
- In 2008/2009 IT, Projects and Registrations work plans





This project will break many boundaries at HPC

We are bringing in additional expertise to help design and build the application addressing:

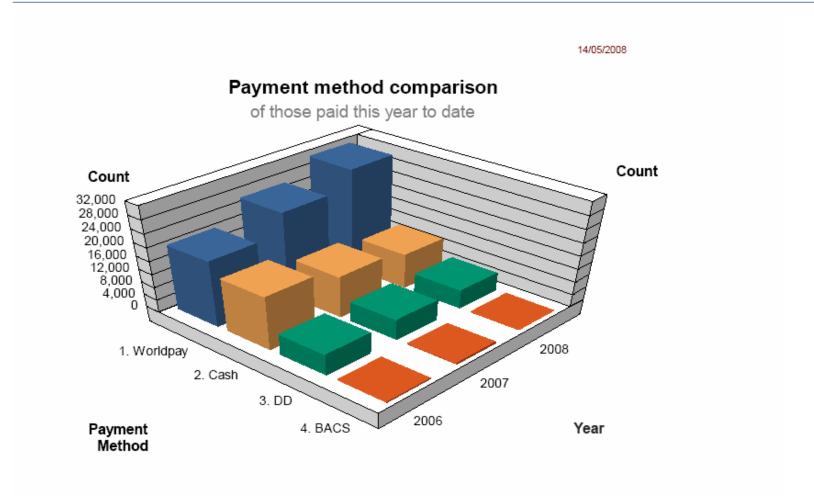
- Security
- Usability
- Accessibility
- Performance



Reference section



Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain's payment method take up rates. Worldpay is their on-line payment system





As part of the push by the then Department of Deputy Prime Minister's local e-gov initiative, significant investment and analysis was made into the provision of on-line services by local government.

Information on channel selection from London Borough of Lambeth/Suffolk

In three years time, which one of these would you prefer to use when obtaining information about local council services? (2001 survey)

