Registration Assessors' questionnaire: information

Introduction

We established the Standards of Proficiency for the 12 original professions that we regulate in 2003. We said that we would not change these standards during the transitional arrangements for registration (the 'grandparenting' period), but that we would review them in the future.

The Council is now reviewing the standards. To do this, it has established a Professional Liaison Group (PLG). This group will consider evidence from a variety of individuals and stakeholders with knowledge of how the standards are working, how well they relate to registrants' practice, and whether they need to be amended.

This is why we have created this questionnaire for registration assessors. Your role involves assessing applicants against the standards, and making recommendations for registration based on this. You therefore have experience of using the standards to ensure that registration decisions are made which protect the public.

We would therefore like to ask you to complete this questionnaire as fully as you feel able to, drawing on your experience as a registration assessor. If you would prefer to only complete part of the questionnaire, then please do so. Likewise, although we would encourage you to give your name so that we can contact you if we need to discuss your comments, you do not have to give your name if you would prefer to respond anonymously.

About the standards

We have set the Standards of Proficiency in order to determine the threshold professional skills that are necessary in order to register with us. They are set at the level that is necessary in order to protect the public, and we recognise that most registrants and education providers will exceed the standards, and that they sit alongside the standards published by other organisations, which may be concerned with promoting best practice.

Your response

Please answer the questions as fully as you are able to, and give as much information as you can. If you can give examples in order to support your opinions, please do so, but please do not include the names of applicants with your response.

What we would like to know from you

We have designed this questionnaire to enable you to give us information about the Standards of Proficiency: how are they working in the context of application assessment? Do they enable you to make registration recommendations that protect the public? Are they meaningful, and how easy are they to apply? Are there gaps in the standards? Or are there standards which have become redundant?

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If you find that you have additional comments to make, which the questions do not allow you to share, please feel free to include them as part of your answer to the final question, or to email these to us.

When you are putting together your answer, the more information you can give us about why you have this opinion about the standards, the more helpful this will be. Because the Standards of Proficiency are so central to how the HPC and the Register work, the PLG will be looking for strong evidence in order to assure itself that a change is necessary. (For example, if you feel that an area of your profession is missing from the SOPs, and an additional standard is needed, it would be very helpful if you could tell us whether you feel that this area is often missing from applications, whether, to the best of your knowledge, it tends to be covered by overseas programmes, whether it forms part of other professional standards or guidelines issued by other organisations, whether it has arisen directly from a change in your profession, and how or when this change occurred.)

What happens next

The PLG will look at the responses we receive from professional bodies, and will also consider other pieces of evidence about how the standards work, and will draw upon all of this information in making its recommendations to the Council.

If the standards need to be amended, this will be the subject of a consultation.

If you are able to assist with this work, please could you send your response to info@hpc-uk.org by XX/XX/05.

We are very grateful for your help with this important review.

Finding out more about the review

If you have any questions about the project being undertaken, please don't hesitate to contact the Policy and Standards team at HPC:

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Information about the work of the professional liaison group will be posted on the HPC's website here:
www.hpc-uk.org/aboutus/professionalliaisongroups/sops/

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Section 1 Your details

1.1 Name Type your name here
1.2 Profession Please select your profession
1.3 Registration number Type your registration number here
1.4 Approximate number of applications assessed by you for the HPC to date:
Please select from this list

Section 2. Generic standards

2.1 Are there any additional generic standards, which you think should apply to all professions regulated by HPC?
Please type your response in here. This box will expand as you type into it.

2.2 Are there any generic standards which you consider are not needed?
Please type your response in here. This box will expand as you type into it.

2.3 Are there any generic standards which you consider could be usefully reworded?
Please type your response in here. This box will expand as you type into it.

2.4 Do you have any additional comments to make about HPC's generic Standards of Proficiency?
Please type your response in here. This box will expand as you type into it.

Section 3. Profession specific standards

3.1 Are there any additional profession-specific standards, which you think should apply to all professions regulated by HPC?
Please type your response in here. This box will expand as you type into it.

3.2 Are there any profession-specific standards which you consider are not needed?
Please type your response in here. This box will expand as you type into it.

3.3 Are there any profession-specific standards which you consider could be usefully reworded?
Please type your response in here. This box will expand as you type into it.

3.4 Do you have any additional comments to make about the profession-specific standards?
Please type your response in here. This box will expand as you type into it.

Section 4. Additional comments

In this section, we would welcome any additional comments that you would like to make about your experience of assessing against the standards.
Please type your response in here. This box will expand as you type into it.

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your input is very much appreciated.

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