

Health and Care Professions Council (Education and Training Committee) (Constitution) Rules 2013

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Background

The Health and Care Professions Council has made these Rules under paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 1 to the Health Professions Order 2001. They come into force on 1st January 2014.

The Rules prescribe the composition of the Council's Education and Training Committee, provide for the chairing of that Committee and specify its quorum for transacting business.

These Rules revoke and replace the previous rules relating to the composition, etc. of the committee (the Health Professions Council (Education and Training Committee) (Constitution) Rules 2012).

The Health and Care Professions Council (Education and Training Committee) (Constitution) Rules 2013

The Health and Care Professions Council makes the following Rules under paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 1 to the Health Professions Order 2001.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Rules—

- (a) may be cited as the Health and Care Professions Council (Education and Training Committee) (Constitution) Rules 2013; and
- (b) come into force on 1st January 2014.

2. In these Rules—

Committee means the Education and Training Committee;

the **Chair** means the Chair of the Committee appointed under rule 5(1) and includes a person nominated under rule 5(4) or 6(2) to act as Chair at a meeting;

the **Constitution Order** means the Health and Care Professions Council (Constitution) Order 2009;

member, unless the context otherwise requires, means a member of the Committee and includes the Chair;

the **Order** means the Health Professions Order 2001.

Revocation

3. The Health Professions Council (Education and Training Committee) (Constitution) Rules 2012 are revoked.

The Committee

4.(1) The Education and Training Committee comprises six members, appointed from among the members of the Council, of whom—

- (a) three must be registrant members; and
- (b) three must be lay members.

(2) The Council must determine the duration of the term of office of each member on their appointment, which may not exceed that person's term of office as a member of the Council.

(3) A person ceases to be a member of the Committee—

- (a) if the member resigns, which the member may do at any time by notice in writing to the Council;
- (b) on ceasing for any reason to be a member of the Council;
- (c) if the member's membership of the Council is suspended by the Privy Council under Article 7 of the Constitution Order; or
- (d) if the Council, by majority vote, terminates the person's appointment as a member of the Committee.

Committee Chair

5.—(1) The Council must appoint a member of the Committee as the chair of the Committee (the **Chair**).

(2) The Council must determine the duration of the term of office of the Chair on appointment, which may not exceed that person's term of office as a member of the Committee.

(3) A person serving as Chair ceases to do so—

- (a) if the member resigns as Chair, which the member may do at any time by notice in writing to the Council;
- (b) on ceasing for any reason to be a member of the Committee or the Council;
- (c) if the Council, by majority vote, terminates the person's appointment as Chair.

(4) If, for any reason, the Chair is absent from a meeting of the Committee or the office of Chair is vacant, the members who are present at a meeting of the Committee must nominate one of their number to serve as Chair at that meeting.

Quorum

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the quorum of the Committee is half of the total number of members of the Committee, plus one.

(2) At any panel meeting of the Committee the quorum is any three members of the Committee (who must nominate one of their number to act as Chair at that meeting).

(3) A "**panel meeting**" means a meeting of the Committee which has been convened only for the purpose of conducting one or more of the following items of business (and at which no other business is conducted)—

- (a) considering Visitors' reports which are submitted to the Committee in accordance with Article 16(7) of the Order and any observations upon those reports received by the Committee under Article 16(9) of that Order and, if thought fit, approving the course of education or training, qualification or institution to which a report and observations (if any) relate;
- (b) considering and, if thought fit, approving any proposed change to any relevant course, qualification or institution which is approved by the Committee under Part IV of the Order;
- (c) considering and, if thought fit, approving any matter arising from the monitoring of such courses, qualifications or institutions; or
- (d) considering and, if thought fit, withdrawing approval from any such course, qualification or institution which the Committee is satisfied no longer admits or recruits students.

Sealed with the common seal of the Health and Care Professions Council on 17th September 2013.



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