

Health Care (Registration) (Jersey) Law 1995

Guidance on requirements for registration

IMPORTANT

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE ABOVE LAW.

The following information is provided to assist those who may wish to apply for registration in accordance with the Health Care (Registration) (Jersey) Law 1995. However this document only provides guidance, and for definitive purposes reference should be made to the original Law, which is available at <https://www.jerseylaw.je/laws/revised/Pages/20.300.aspx>

Who does the Law apply to?

The Law applies to anyone in Jersey who is engaged in a registrable occupation, who claims to be entitled to engage in such an occupation or uses any titles or initials implying that he is qualified to engage in that occupation (*Article 2 (1)*).

The 'registrable occupations' currently are:

Ambulance Paramedic	Art Therapist	Biomedical Scientist
Chiropodist	Chiropractor	Clinical Psychologist
Clinical Scientist	Dietician	Midwife
Nurse	Occupational Therapist	Operating Department Practitioner
Orthoptist	Osteopath	Physiotherapist
Podiatrist	Psychotherapist	Radiographer
Social Worker	Specialist Community Public Health Nurse	Speech & Language Therapist
Nurse prescribing practitioner	Midwife prescribing practitioner	SCPHN prescribing practitioner

What are the qualifications for registration?

These are specified under Article 3 of the Law. A person may only be registered if he or she:

- was employed in a registrable occupation in Jersey on the material date and has been employed in that occupation in Jersey for six months preceding the material date, i.e. the date the Law came into force (*Article 3 (a)*), **or**
- holds a prescribed qualification, i.e. entered on UK HCPC, NMC, or Osteopaths' register (*Article 3 (b)*), **or**
- holds any other qualification which is currently accepted by the Jersey Care Commission for the purposes of registration (*Article 3 (c)*), **or**
- has had training and experience in the relevant occupation which is currently considered to be acceptable by the Jersey Care Commission (*Article 3 (d)*).

*Note: an applicant for registration under the Law can only be registered under **ONE** of the above criteria for registration.*

When is registration necessary?

Under Article 2(1) of the Law it is a requirement to be registered **before** taking up employment in a registrable occupation. The registration remains valid until 31 December of the year that it was approved. It must be renewed before January each year thereafter (*Article 4*). Notification and details of how to renew will be sent out electronically each October to all registrants.

How do I register?

An application for registration must be submitted on a form available from Jersey Care Commission, 2nd Floor, 23 Hill Street, St Helier, JE2 4UA. Tel. 445802. (*Article 5*).

It is essential that this form is completed correctly and signed by the applicant. Incorrect or incomplete forms will be returned, delaying the registration and consequently this can delay the date from which employment in the registrable occupation can commence.

All applications must include appropriate evidence of the grounds on which registration is requested, for example under Article 3

a)	Current employment in Jersey	For the six months preceding the date the Law came into force
b)	Prescribed qualification	Copy of current HCPC, NMC, or GOSc registration certificate and copies of certificates of professional qualifications For Prescribing Practitioners signed verification from H&CS Prescribing Lead that the applicant meets the local requirements to be a prescribing practitioner.
c)	Approved qualification	Documentary evidence of relevant qualification
d)	Training and experience	Documentary evidence of the relevant training and experience

Where an applicant applies for registration under Article 3(b), i.e. registration with HCPC, NMC, or GOSc, the application will be approved by the Jersey Care Commission as long as the other requirements for registration are met.

Applicants from occupations that are eligible to be registered with the HCPC, NMC, or the GOSc will be required to be so registered.

If any of the details on the application form change, the person is required to notify the Jersey Care Commission. **In the case of a change of address, this must be notified in writing, to the Jersey Care Commission within one month.** (*Article 7*)

Why are two referees required?

The Jersey Care Commission have a responsibility to ensure that any applicant is not likely to reflect discredit on their occupation and is of a good character. (*Article 6*). For this reason applicants are required to supply details of both a current professional **and** personal/character referee.

The character referee must be an appropriate professional who has known the applicant for a minimum period of 12 months.

What if I do not register?

It is an offence under the Law for a person **who is not registered** to engage in a registrable occupation, to claim to be entitled to engage in such an occupation or use or permit to be used any written words, titles or initials implying that person is qualified to engage in that occupation. The penalty for doing so may be imprisonment, a fine or both (*Article 2*).

Where can I get further information?

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