

Health Care (Registration) (Jersey) Law 1995

Updated 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/revise/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:

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| Ambulance Paramedic | Art Therapist | Biomedical Scientist | Chiropodist |
| Chiropractor | Clinical Psychologist | Clinical Scientist | Dietician |
| Midwife | Nurse | Nurse Independent Prescriber (*) | Occupational Therapist |
| Operating Department Practitioner | Optometrist Independent Prescriber (*) | Orthoptist | Osteopath |
| Paramedic Independent Prescriber (*) | Pharmacist Independent Prescriber (*) | Physiotherapist | Physiotherapist Independent Prescriber (*) |
| Podiatrist | Podiatrist Independent Prescriber (*) | Psychotherapist | Radiographer |
| Social Worker | Specialist Community Public Health Nurse | Speech & Language Therapist | Therapeutic Radiographer Independent Prescriber |

(*) All independent prescribers who apply for registration will not be registered until the Care Commission receives written confirmation from the Island Wide Non-Medical Prescribing Lead that the applicant fulfils the requirements of the Non-medical Prescribing Policy currently in force.

Nurses, Specialist Community Public Health Nurses and Midwives who wish to register for non-medical prescribing will register under the title Nurse Independent Prescriber.

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 Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), Social Work England (SWE), General Optical Council (GOpC), General Pharmaceutical Council (GPC) or General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) 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 <https://carecommission.je/practitioner-registration/>.

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

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| 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, SWE, GOpC, GPC, 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, SWE, GOpC, GPC 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, SWE, GOpC, GPC 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*)

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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