

SCHEDULE 3

Amendments for the purpose of, and in connection with,
implementing the EEA EFTA free trade agreement

PART 5

Amendments in relation to healthcare professions

Amendments to the Dentists Act 1984

- 19.** In section 15 (qualification for registration in the dentists register)(**1**)—
- (a) in subsection (1), omit the “and” following paragraph (a);
 - (b) in subsection (1)(c), for “overseas diplomas).” substitute “overseas diplomas)); and”;
 - (c) after subsection (1)(c), insert—
 - “(d) any person who—
 - (i) holds a specified state qualification in dentistry that is not a relevant European diploma, and
 - (ii) has met the requirement specified in relation to that person under section 15ZA.”;
 - (d) after subsection (1A), insert—
 - “(1B) Subsection (1)(c)(ii) does not apply to a person who is entitled to be registered under subsection (1)(d).”;
 - (e) in subsection (2ZA), in paragraph (b)(ii), omit “(within the meaning given by section 12A(2))”;
 - (f) before subsection (3), insert—
 - “(2B) The Council may determine that a specified state qualification in dentistry does not meet the standard in subsection (2ZA)(b)(ii) only where one or more of Conditions 1 to 3 are met.
 - (2C) Condition 1 is met where there exists a substantial difference between the level of knowledge and skill demonstrated by the specified state qualification and the level of knowledge and skill demonstrated by a UK diploma in dentistry.
 - (2D) Condition 2 is met where the professional activities to which a UK diploma in dentistry relates include one or more professional activities that cover substantially different matters from those covered by the specified state qualification.
 - (2E) Condition 3 is met where requiring an applicant to take an aptitude test or to complete an adaptation period, or to do both, would amount to requiring the applicant to acquire a UK diploma in dentistry.”;
 - (g) at the end, insert—
 - “(8) In this section—
 - “adaptation period” means a period of practice, subject to an assessment and, where necessary, accompanied by further training, which is supervised by a registered dentist;

(1) Relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 2007/3101](#), [2019/593](#), [2020/394](#) and [2023/162](#).

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“aptitude test” means an assessment with the aim of determining whether a person has the requisite knowledge and skill;

“UK diploma in dentistry” has the meaning given by section 12A(2).”.

Commencement Information

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