

Covid-19 Section 77 Restoration

Guidance Notes

Under the **Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Act 2020**, the Government has introduced a number of responsive emergency provisions including a mechanism to quickly restore health professionals to Statutory Registers in circumstances where a previously registered individual wishes to assist and be available to work within the health system.

A new restoration route has been introduced to the Pharmacy Act and is referred to as a Section 77 registration. The purpose of this guidance is to assist pharmacists and pharmaceutical assistants who wish to apply for restoration under Section 77.

Due to the COVID-19 we have altered how we are working as we aim to maintain a responsive and timely service for all who engage with us. The PSI office is closed until further notice and we ask that you email your application to section77@psi.ie.

Please do not post your application to the office.

Making an application under Covid-19 Section 77

Overview of application process

- Previous registrants can make an electronic application for Section 77 registration to re-join the Register by downloading the required [application form](#).
- Applicant submits the completed application form by email to section77@psi.ie
- We will consider your application and, if satisfied that restoration is appropriate, your name will be restored to the Register of Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Assistants
- Applicants who are restored to the Register will have “Section 77 Registration” stated after their surname on the PSI register.
- An email will be issued to the applicant to confirm their application has been successful and that their name is restored to the Register.
- Prior to 31 July 2020 (or a date as amended by the Minister for Health), the PSI will contact you to inform you of the date from which your Section 77 registration will cease and what options will be open to you.

Please note that if you have not previously been registered with PSI, you are not eligible to apply for a Section 77 Registration and must make an application to register as a first-time applicant. Relevant information regarding first time registration is available [here](#)

Guidance in relation to Section 3 - Declarations

Please refer to the following guidance when you are completing Section 3 of the Section 77 Restoration Application Form:

If any of the circumstances below relate to you, please seek guidance before indicating there has been no change to your circumstances.

- **Health Matters**

If you are currently experiencing any problems with your physical and/or mental health which may impact your ability to practise appropriately and safely, and for which you have not made reasonable accommodation, it is advised that you seek guidance on a confidential basis, from the PSI Registration Unit

The minimum information to be provided in seeking this guidance would include the following:

- Details of any physical/mental health condition which could impact your ability to practice including alcohol and/or drug dependence
- Detail of any pending Fitness to Practise proceedings associated with your Health Condition
- Any further information that the PSI should be made aware of.

Please complete table 1 in Section 4 of the Section 77 Application Form, if applicable

- **Criminal Convictions**

If you have been convicted or accepted a caution for a criminal offence it is advised that you seek guidance from the Registration Unit prior to completing the above declaration. The minimum amount of information to be provided in seeking this guidance would include the following:

- Nature of the offence
- Date of conviction
- Sanction imposed
- Name and address of the Court
- Any further information that may be appropriate for PSI to be aware of

Please complete table 2 on the Section 77 Application Form, if applicable.

- **Fitness to Practise Proceedings (in relation to Pharmacy or any other Health or Social Care Profession)**

If you have been subject to a disciplinary process and sanctioned by a regulatory body in Ireland, or in any other jurisdiction, having responsibility for the regulation of a health or social care profession, it is advised that you seek guidance from the Registration Unit prior to completing the above declaration.

The minimum amount of information to be provided in seeking this guidance would include the following:

- Name of regulatory body imposing the sanction
- Date of finding
- Sanction Imposed or any undertaking(s) provided
- Detailed circumstances of events leading to sanction

- Any further information that may be appropriate for PSI to be aware of.

Please complete table 3 of the Section 77 Application Form, if applicable.

Further information on COVID 19 and Section 77 Restoration Applications is available on the PSI [website](#). If you have any queries or require further assistance, please email us at section77@psi.ie or phone us at (+353) (0) 1 2184000.