

Registering with the General Pharmaceutical Council

The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) will create a single rolling register for all pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy premises. This will replace the registers currently held by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

- All pharmacists and pharmacy technicians on the current practising registers will transfer automatically to the GPhC on 27 September 2010
- All GPhC professional registrants will be issued with a new, unique registration number that will differ from your existing RPSGB registration number
- All pharmacists and pharmacy technicians on the current practising register will be required to renew their registration and pay registration fees to the GPhC by **30 November 2010**. (If you fail to apply by this date your entry might not be renewed by the expiry date and you will not be able to work as a pharmacy professional)
- The first renewal notice will be sent out by 30 September 2010 to existing registrants. There are no provisions for statutory reminders about unpaid renewal fees and registrants will be removed from the register after 31 December 2010 — when their entry will cease to be valid — if they have not paid the renewal fee by that time
- From 2011 renewal notices will be sent three months in advance and fitness to practise declarations must be made and renewal fees paid two months before the date of registration expiry. For 2011 however, a transitional provision has been made where the renewal fee can be made one month, rather than two months, before the expiry date
- The GPhC will operate a rolling register. This means that from 2011, registrants will be required to complete the renewal process, including making a declaration and paying the appropriate fee, ten months after the date of initial entry. Failure to apply for renewal of registration by this date could result in an entry expiring at the end of the twelve month period
- Pharmacist and pharmacy technician will become protected titles and only those registered with the GPhC will be able to use these titles, regardless of whether or not they are in a clinical or patient-facing role. There is no longer a non-practising register
- Pharmacy technicians with work experience and a vocational qualification will be able to apply to join the register until 30 June 2011. After this date, any technicians wanting to join the register will need a specific qualification

Registration fees

- Pharmacists: £100.00 first-time application fee, then £262.00 for initial registration and for subsequent renewals of entry
- Pharmacy technicians: £100.00 first-time application fee, then £142.00 for initial registration and for subsequent renewals of entry
- Pharmacy premises: £557.00 first time application/registration fee, £217.00 for subsequent renewals of entry