

Regulation Update – October 2010

CAMIP made a successful application to the Health Professions Council in 2004. This was done with the full support of The Department of Health.

Since that time there has been considerable delay in preparing the legislation for Parliament. This is as a consequence primarily of the national review of all health regulation in the UK which culminated in many pieces of legislation going through Parliament and subsequent changes to the regulation processes in healthcare before any new professions could be processed. However the work is ongoing and still very much on track.

The Department of Health issued a statement to strategic health authorities and trusts in December 2007 pledging their continued support for the regulation of healthcare scientists and recommending that they only recruit from those on the voluntary registers i.e. CAMIP. This recommendation remains in place.

Last year we were formally told that regulation for clinical photographers and videographers will be achieved within the context of the Modernising Scientific Careers Programme and work is ongoing to achieve this with CAMIP and IMI representing medical illustrators on the UK Healthcare Science Regulation Liaison Group. This newly-formed group will work with all stakeholders to make recommendations to the four UK Health Departments to inform and advise ministers on the content of a future draft Section 60 Order and associated public consultation document.

Within the last week, representatives from CAMIP and IMI met with individuals from Cassiopeia Consultancy which has been commissioned by The Department of Health to undertake some background data collection and analysis on the coverage by voluntary registers of the five aspirant groups and six other groups identified as part of the work of the UK Healthcare Science Regulation Liaison Group. There is an expectation that the CAMIP register will be transferred to the Health Professions Council to become the 'State Register' for clinical photographers and videographers.

The professional groups include Clinical Perfusion Scientists, Clinical Physiologists, Clinical Technologists, Clinical Photographers, Maxillofacial Prosthetic Technologists, Genetic Technologists, Sleep Physiologists, Vascular Technologists, Critical Care Technologists, Ophthalmology and Vision Technologists and Urodynamics Technologists.

We will provide further information as it becomes available.

In the meantime CAMIP's advice to all practising clinical photographers and videographers in the UK is to continue to maintain your CPD portfolio and to remain on the CAMIP register.

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