

Frequently asked questions about pre-registration

Q1: Will pre-reg run in 2010 and who will run it?

A: Yes, pre-reg will run as normal in 2010. The RPS will run it initially then it will transfer to the GPhC, when the GPhC opens for business as the regulator. The transfer will be seamless: trainees won't have to reapply to be trainees and tutors won't have to reapply to be tutors. All applications and records will be transferred from the RPSGB to the GPhC.

Q2: When will the transfer take place?

A: The date hasn't been set yet but it won't affect pre-reg, whenever it is. The date will be announced as soon as it's known.

Q3: What changes will the GPhC make to pre-registration?

A: None in the short term. If any changes are made in the future there will be a wide consultation before changes are made.

Q4: Will there be a Registration Examination in 2010?

A: Yes. The dates are 25 June 2010 and 24 September 2010. There will be a Registration Examination in future years too.

Q5: Will the format of the Registration Examination be the same as in previous years?

A: Yes.

Q6: Will tutor still assess students?

Yes - at 13, 26 and 39 weeks and at the end of pre-reg. Trainees will still need a positive assessment at 39 weeks to be able to enter the Registration Examination.

Q7: In the future who will register pharmacists?

A: To work as a pharmacist and to be called a pharmacist you must be registered with the GPhC.

Q8: Will I have to be a member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society?

A: No. You can join the RPS if you want to but it's not compulsory.

Q9: What will happen to the BPSA?

A: The BPSA will continue and will work closely with the RPS. Pre-reg trainees can still be members of the BPSA.

Q10: How much will pre-reg and the Examination cost in the future?

A: That is for the GPhC to decide. It will set fees every year, like the RPS does now.

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