



British Pharmaceutical Students' Association  
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# Employers' support for provisionally-registered Pharmacists

Dear Employers,

Thank you for continuing to support provisionally-registered pharmacists in what has been, and continues to be, an uncertain time for them. As more clarity begins to emerge regarding the delayed 2020 registration assessment, we ask that you continue to support them as best as possible. We are sure you will appreciate that it is in everybody's best interests to ensure our members are prepared to sit the registration assessment so they can continue to practise as a pharmacist.

This challenging year has burdened provisional registrants with unprecedented challenges in the face of a global pandemic, including balancing working as a pharmacist alongside revising for the pending registration assessment. With the progression of the 'second wave' of the pandemic and seasonal pressures, we fear that the workload on our members who await to sit the assessment is escalating, putting their study time at risk. As preparation for the assessment gets well underway and revision becomes a top priority, dedicated study hours become increasingly necessary, especially as training providers resume their programmes. Where viable, this revision can be aided by assessing knowledge during work and providing practice papers aligned with the new format as stated by the GPhC, i.e. computer-based. We are urging all employers of provisionally-registered pharmacists to provide revision days, study time and any additional support deemed reasonably necessary to ensure they have the best possible chance of qualifying and joining the full register at the earliest opportunity.

In the event where a provisional registrant does not pass the assessment on their first attempt, we would encourage you to continue to support them within your organisation. Although they may no longer be able to practise as a pharmacist, there are other capacities in which they could be employed, which we urge you to consider. This is to avoid them being left unemployed for months before the next available sitting and to ensure that they are able to continue to support themselves and anyone else who may depend on them.

Yours Sincerely,

**On behalf of the British Pharmaceutical Students' Association**

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