

## **Registration Assessment Candidates**

Dear Registration Assessment Candidates,

With two weeks to go until the March registration assessment, we wanted to take this opportunity to wish you the very best of luck in the upcoming assessment, and also congratulate you for the resilience and determination you have demonstrated over the past year; you are an inspiration to your peers, those working towards registration and the wider profession.

We understand that the next two weeks are going to be challenging and we want to reassure you that we are continuing to advocate on your behalf to ensure that the registration process goes as smoothly as possible. Your health and wellbeing are very important, especially during this period. Pharmacist Support is an amazing organisation for anyone who requires assistance and support from wellbeing to finance. We will be releasing further details of how you can access the BPSA Emergency Support Fund over the next few days, so please keep an eye out on our social media platforms for this. This support fund is open to all candidates, not just BPSA members.

Whilst you are preparing for the registration assessment, we promise to keep pushing for the outcomes we have set out over the past 12 months. These include every candidate being able to sit the assessment within a reasonable distance from home or be given a remote sitting, the March sitting not counting towards one of the three opportunities to sit the assessment and candidates not being penalised and taken off the register if they are not able to perform to the expected standard due to the additional pressures faced. We cannot promise that these requests will be successful, but we can assure you that we are continuing to fight for you behind the scenes whilst you focus on the assessment.

Now is the time to put all the frustration and disappointment of the past 12 months to one side and showcase your strengths and ability to be on that register. Whether we like it or not, the registration assessment is the only way to qualify as a pharmacist, and we have faith in each and every one of you.

Once again, we wish you the absolute very best of luck on the 17th and 18th of March and we look forward to celebrating the success of this cohort.

Yours Sincerely,

On behalf of the British Pharmaceutical Students' Association

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