

Application process for applicants first registered outside of GB, EEA or Switzerland

The registration year in Northern Ireland runs from 1 June to 31 May annually therefore to retain registration you will be required to complete the retention process (including payment of the retention fee) on 01 June every year after first registration.

Applicants may be required to attend an interview on application.

Pharmaceutical Society NI are currently aligned with the European Directive on the free movement of pharmacists in the European Economic Area. This may change. [Summary of EU Directive](#)

Currently the Pharmaceutical Society NI does not recognise pharmacy qualifications obtained outside the EEA area. This is an issue we are to review.

Currently to register in Northern Ireland it would first be necessary to contact the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC), in London, who offer qualifying courses to overseas pharmacists (OSPAP) at six university locations in GB. An applicant would then have to complete the pre registration requirements, which is one year in either GB or NI and then register in Great Britain or Northern Ireland depending on where the pre registration training was undertaken.

Any updates relating to the development of the Non-EEA route of registration will be published in this section of the website.