

**Contents of Individual Acts relating to Professions (Summary)**

**Medical Act, 1983**

General Medical Council: powers, duties, proceedings, committees  
Registration: dependent on specified qualification, UK & overseas & experience  
Register: including publication  
Professional conduct - misconduct, performance, unfitness to practice, supervision, penalties, appeals  
Powers of the Privy Council

**Dentists Act, 1984**

General Dental Council: powers, committees  
Dental education - degrees, supervision  
Registration - recognised qualification  
Register  
Professional conduct - similar to doctors  
Restriction on practice of dentistry  
Establishment of classes of dental auxiliaries

**Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act, 1997**

Council of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting: constitution, functions, committees, proceedings  
National Boards for England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland  
Registration - qualification, removal/restoration, appeals  
Supervision of midwifery practice  
Finance

**Professions Supplementary to Medicine (covers 12 professions)**

Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine: constitution, Boards for each profession  
Registration - approved qualifications, supervision of approved institutions & examinations  
Registers  
Disciplinary provisions - removal from register, appeals

**Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1966**

Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (Royal Charter 8.3.1844)  
Registration - qualification, supervision of education courses  
Register

Disciplinary proceedings

Restriction on practice

### **Chiropractors Act, 1994**

General Chiropractic Council - committees

Registration- qualification

Register - suspension/restoration

Recognition of qualifications, information from institutions

Code of practice - lays down standards of conduct and practice expected, gives advice on practice

Professional conduct - fitness to practice, suspension, appeals

Offences - non-registered person's claim to be a chiropractor

Competition and anti-competitive practices

Professional indemnity insurance

Finance - accounts to Privy Council --> Parliament

### **Osteopaths Act, 1993**

General Osteopathic Council - committees

Registration - qualifications

Register - suspensions, appeals

Professional education

Professional conduct and fitness to practice

Code of practice - as for chiropractors

Offences

Competition

Professional indemnity insurance

Finance - as for chiropractors

### **Opticians Act, 1989**

General Optical Council - committees

Registration - qualifications, practical experience

Registers - ophthalmic opticians, dispensing opticians

Approval of training institutions and qualifications, supervision

Disciplinary proceedings - penalties, erasure/restoration

Non-registered persons cannot test sight, fit contact lenses, sell or supply an optical appliance except under supervision of an optician

Council can control/prohibit/regulate - advertising, carry on business other than registered name, administer drugs, practice orthoptics, prescribe/supply/fit contact lenses

### **Pharmacy Act, 1954**

Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain - committees

Registration - qualification

Register - suspension, appeals

Offences

### **Hearing Aid Council Act, 1968**

Hearing Aid Council

Registration - 6 months as a dispenser, has a standard of competence

Registers - dispensers, persons employing dispensers

Offences by unregistered

Suspension, erasure, restoration, appeals

### **Solicitors' Act 1974**

Law Society (Charter 1831, 1903) Council, committees

Roll (Register) of practising certificates - complied with training regulations, character & suitability

Struck off, restored, suspension

Practising certificate

Rights and privileges

Unqualified - offence

Rules on professional conduct and discipline eg accounts, client's money, compensation fund, professional indemnity

Disciplinary proceedings

Remuneration

### **Estate Agents Act, 1979**

Secretary of State has powers to:

Require minimum standard of competence, prescribe qualifications,  
designate body which specifies both these

Has many provisions on how an estate agency operates

### **Auctioneers Act, 1845**

Requires auctioneer to display a sign giving his full name and place of residence

## **Architects Act, 1997**

Architects Registration Board, committees. Also bodies representative of architects with Royal Charter

Registration - qualifications, experience, competence

Register

Discipline: code of practice, misconduct, incompetence, suspension, penalties, erasure, appeals

Offence

## **Insurance Brokers (Registration) Act, 1977**

Insurance Brokers Registration Council, committees

Registration - qualifications, character, suitability, practical experience, conditions for conducting a business

Register - persons, bodies carrying on a business

Education - approval of institutions & qualifications, supervision of both

Professional indemnity against loss

Discipline - erasure, restoration, appeals

Offence