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# **THE SOCIAL CARE WALES (CONTENT OF THE REGISTER) RULES 2024**

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The regulation of the registration and fitness to practise of the social care workforce by Social Care Wales is governed by three types of legal documents, which are **all** applicable to the registration and fitness to practise of registered persons:

- **Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (the Act);**
- **Welsh Government Regulations;**
- **Social Care Wales' suite of Registration Rules and Fitness to Practise Rules.**

Neither the content of the Act nor the Regulations are contained in these Rules. You should therefore read the content of the Act and the Regulations in conjunction with the Rules to provide a comprehensive understanding of the registration and fitness to practise procedures

The latest available (revised) version of the **Act** can be found at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/2/contents>

The Regulations are listed below and can be found at - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi>

- The Social Care Wales (Extension of Meaning of “Social Care Worker”) Regulations 2016
- The Social Care Wales (Content of Register) Regulations 2016
- The Social Care Wales (List of Persons Removed from the Register) Regulations 2016
- The Social Care Wales (Constitution of Panels: Prescribed Persons) Regulations 2016
- The Social Care Wales (Proceedings before Panels) Regulations 2016, as amended
- The Social Care Wales (Specification of Social Care Workers) (Registration) Regulations 2016, as amended
- The Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2017, as amended
- The Special School Residential Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2023

The Social Care Wales rules are available at:

<https://socialcare.wales/dealing-with-concerns/how-do-hearings-work>

<https://socialcare.wales/registration/why-we-register>

Social Care Wales, in exercise of its powers under sections 73(2) and (4) and 91(2) of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (“the Act”) and of all other powers enabling Social Care Wales in that behalf, and in accordance with section 75(3) of the Act, hereby makes the following Rules:

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## PART I

### INTRODUCTION

#### Citation, commencement and revocation

1. (1) These Rules may be cited as the Social Care Wales (Content of the Register) Rules 2024 and shall come into force on 1 December 2024
- (2) The Social Care Wales (Content of the Register) Rules 2022 (“the 2022 Rules”) are hereby revoked.

#### Interpretation

2. (1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

“**Act**” means the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016, as amended;

“**Content of Register Regulations**” means the Social Care Wales (Content of Register) Regulations 2016;

“**employer**” includes employment agencies, the self-employed, and any employer of a social worker or social care worker (working in the capacity of a social worker or social care worker) of whom Social Care Wales is aware;

“**entry**” means the particulars entered onto the register as specified in rule 3(1);

“**Fitness to Practise Rules**” means the Social Care Wales (Fitness to Practise Hearings) Rules 2024 or, if applicable, the corresponding provision(s) of an earlier version of those rules;

“**indefinite suspension order**” means an order made by a fitness to practise panel under section 154(10) of the Act;

“**Interim Orders Rules**” means the Social Care Wales (Interim Orders) Rules 2024 or if applicable, the corresponding provision(s) of an earlier version of those rules;

“**interim order**” means an order suspending a registered person’s registration or imposing conditions on that registration under the Interim Orders Rules;

“**Investigation Rules**” means the Social Care Wales (Investigation) Rules 2024 or if applicable, the corresponding provision(s) of an earlier version of those rules;

“**part of the register**” means the part of the register for social workers or the part of the register for each description of social care workers specified in regulations under section 80(1)(b);

“**register**” means the register kept by Social Care Wales under section 80 of the Act;

“**registered person**” means a person who is registered in a part of the register; and it includes a person:

- (a) whose registration would have lapsed under section 87(1) of the Act, but for the fact that subsection (2) of that section applies to the person,
- (b) in respect of whom a suspension order has effect,
- (c) in respect of whom an interim suspension order has effect,
- (d) in respect of whom an indefinite suspension order has effect;

“**registrar**” means the person appointed in accordance with section 81(1) and (2) of the Act;

“**registration**” means the entry in the register relating to a particular registered person;

“**Registration Appeals Panel Rules**” means the Social Care Wales (Registration Appeals Panel) Rules 2024 or, if applicable, the corresponding provision(s) of an earlier version of those rules;

“**Registration Rules**” means the Social Care Wales (Registration) Rules 2024 or, if applicable, the corresponding provision(s) of an earlier version of those Rules;

“**Social Care Wales**” means the body corporate known as Social Care Wales and which was previously known as the Care Council for Wales;

“**social work student**” means a person participating in a course approved by Social Care Wales under section 114(1)(a) of the Act or a person participating in a social work qualifying programme elsewhere in the UK approved by a Care Council, who are or wish to become registered in the social worker part of the register;

“**suspension order**” means an order made by a fitness to practise panel for suspension of the registered person’s registration under the Fitness to Practise Rules.

“**Tribunal**” means the First Tier Tribunal (Care Standards).

(2) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular;
- (b) any reference to a numbered rule or part is a reference to the rule or part bearing that number in these rules, as the case may be;
- (c) any reference in a rule or a part to a numbered paragraph, is a reference to the paragraph bearing that number in that rule or part;
- (d) any reference in a paragraph in a rule or a part to a numbered sub-paragraph is a reference to the sub-paragraph bearing that number in that rule or part.

## PART II

### THE REGISTER

#### Entries in the register

3. (1) The registrar shall include in an entry in the register in respect of a registered person the following information, in addition to that required by section 91(1) of the Act<sup>1</sup> and by regulations 3 to 9 of the Content of Register Regulations:
  - (a) name or names;
  - (b) any previous name or names unless the Registrar determines there are exceptional reasons for the previous name or names not to be included;
  - (c) the part of the register in which the registered person is registered;
  - (d) postal county relating to the address at which the registered person is employed or self-employed (unless located outside the UK);
  - (e) where the registered person is a social work student, the postal county in which the registered person is participating in a degree course.

#### Entry of social work student names onto the register

4. (1) Where an application for registration has been granted by the registrar in respect of a social work student, that student's name or names shall not be entered onto the register until the registrar is satisfied that the student has begun participating in a degree course.

#### Issue and form of certification of registration

5. (1) Where the registrar enters and publishes the name or names of a person on the register, certification of registration shall be in the form determined by Social Care Wales and shall:
  - (a) state the registered person's:
    - (i) current name;
    - (ii) registration number;
    - (iii) date of registration; and
    - (iv) registered role(s).

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<sup>1</sup> Section 91(1) states that an entry in the register in respect of a person must show the following information:

- (a) the date on which the person was entered on the register;
- (b) the person's qualifications to practise work of the kind to which his or her registration relates;
- (c) such other qualifications, knowledge or experience relevant to the person's registration as may be prescribed;
- (d) such information relating to the person's fitness to practise as may be prescribed.

## The keeping of the register

6. (1) The register shall be kept secure in a manner which guards against falsification.
- (2) The registrar shall update the register in accordance with the requirements of regulations 3 to 9 of the Content of the Register Regulations and those imposed by:
  - (a) the Registration Rules - rule 14 (notice of decision in respect of application for registration), rule 24 (notice of decision in respect of renewal of registration), rule 25 (lapse of registration), rule 26 (changes of registration information), rule 27 (removal of entries from the register by agreement), rule 28 (death of a registered person), rule 29 (entries based on false or misleading information), rule 30 (removal from the register for other reasons), rule 32 (grant of application to return to the register) and rule 35 (grant of application for restoration to the register);
  - (b) Registration Appeals Panel Rules – rule 22 (decision of registration appeals panel), rule 29 (grant of application for restoration following fitness to practise proceedings) and rule 36 (decision of panel in relation to suspension of right to apply for restoration);
  - (c) Investigation Rules – rule 7 (issue of warning), rule 8 (agreement of undertakings), rule 9 (removal by agreement),
  - (d) Interim Orders Rules – rule 18 (decision of interim orders panel to impose interim order), rule 20 (decision of fitness to practise panel to impose interim order) and rule 23 (decision on review of an interim order),
  - (e) Fitness to Practise Rules – rule 24 (issue of warning), rule 28 (undertakings) and rule 29 (decision).
  - (f) The Social Care Wales (Registration) Rules 2021 – rules 3 and 4 (duration and lapse of registration);
- (3) The registrar shall also update the register to reflect any necessary change as a result of a decision of the Tribunal made under any of the following sections of the Act:
  - (a) 104(5) – appeal against decision of Registration Appeals Panel;



(b) 145(4) – appeal against interim order;

(c) 148(2) – application for extension of interim order;

(d) 158(5) – appeal against decision of a fitness to practise panel.

**Signed on behalf of Social Care Wales**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mick Giannasi', written over a faint horizontal line.

**Mick Giannasi**  
**Chair, Social Care Wales**

**Date: 1.12.24**