Introduction

All doctors practising in Jersey, either on a long or short term basis, including working as a locum must be registered under Jersey Law before he or she starts work. Working as a doctor without being so registered is an offence.

From 1st October 2014 changes to the Medical Practitioners Registration Law transferred the responsibility for registration to the Minister for Health and Social Services. This is carried out on behalf of the Minister by the Professional and Care Regulation Team in the Public Health Directorate and under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health. Contact details are at the end of this guidance.

The Law now requires all doctors applying for registration to hold a current licence to practise with the General Medical Council (GMC) in the UK and to provide more detailed information about qualifications, employment details and any matters that may be relevant to fitness to practise.

To ensure that the Register remains up to date and current, all doctors on the register will be required to verify the information held about him or her every two years. If a doctor fails to return the statement of verification, his or her name will be removed from the register.

Revalidation and Responsible Officers

The Jersey authorities have put in place legal structures that satisfy the GMC requirements to enable doctors working in the island to revalidate their UK registration.

All doctors once registered under the Jersey Law will be assigned a local Responsible Officer. These will be allocated following a classification system set out in the legislation that serves as an equivalent to designated bodies in the UK. The classes are:

- **Responsible Officer Class:** This is for the registered medical practitioners who are themselves the responsible officers for the following classes. It does not include a responsible officer who has a prescribed UK connection
- **States Employee Class:** This class is for all registered medical practitioners who are States employees (that is employed by the States Employment Board) or who practise under a contract of service with the Health and Social Services Department. It does not include a practitioner who has a prescribed UK connection
Performers Class: This is for medical practitioners who provide general medical services and who are included on the Performers List kept under the Performers List Regulations.

Independent Practitioner Class: This class is for registered medical practitioners who do not fall into any of the preceding classes and do not have a prescribed UK connection.

UK Connected Practitioners Class: This is for practitioners with a prescribed connection with a designated body in the UK, for example this includes:
- A doctor who is in training as a member of a foundation managed by a Postgraduate Medical Deanery
- A locum doctor supplied by an agency that is a designated body within the meaning of the UK regulations

For doctors employed wholly by the States of Jersey, General Practitioners who are included on the Jersey Performer's List and Independent doctors who do not have a prescribed connection in the UK, the Jersey Responsible Officer will make recommendations about their revalidation to the GMC.

In cases where a doctor practises part of his or her time in Jersey, but continues to have a prescribed connection with a UK designated body his or her UK Responsible Officer will make the revalidation recommendation to the GMC. A Jersey Responsible Officer will be assigned but will have limited responsibilities to enable investigation of any fitness to practise issues that occur whilst the doctor is working in Jersey.

Details of the Law and supporting legislation can be found below.

Application for Registration as a Medical Practitioner

If you wish to apply to register as a doctor in Jersey, please complete Section 1 of the application form, which can be obtained from http://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Health%20and%20wellbeing/F%20Full%20medical%20practitioners%20registration%20form%2020141008%20JE.pdf. The form should be accompanied by the following:

- Photographic Identification;
- A copy of your UK General Medical Council certificate of registration; and
- A cheque for £150 made payable to 'Treasurer of the States', to pay the current registration fee

Please note it is essential that all sections of this form are completed, that it is signed and dated and the required documentation and payment accompany the application otherwise it is likely that your registration will be delayed.

Inclusion on the General Practitioners Performers List

All general medical practitioners practising in Jersey, either on a long or short term basis, including working as a locum must be approved under the Health Insurance (Performers List for General Medical Practitioners) (Jersey) Regulations 2014 before...
he or she starts work. Where a general medical practitioner is given temporary inclusion this will be for a maximum period of 4 weeks, unless a full application is made in that time.

All applications are determined on behalf of the Minister for Health and Social Services by the Primary Care Governance Team, under the Directorate of System Redesign and Delivery. Contact details are at the end of this guidance.

Approved general medical practitioners are considered as an approved medical practitioner by the Minister for Social Security for the purposes of the Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967 as prospectively amended by the Health Insurance (Amendment No.14) (Jersey) Law 2011. Only approved medical practitioners can be paid medical and pharmaceutical benefits under Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967.

The Health Insurance (Performers List for General Medical Practitioners) (Jersey) Regulations 2014 provides the structure through which, for the most part, the responsible officer (RO) for general medical practitioners in Jersey will discharge his or her duties.

To ensure that the Performers List remains up to date and current, all general medical practitioners will be required to, each year as requested by the RO, confirm in writing that the information held by the Primary Care Governance Team in respect of him or her is correct. Performers must inform the Primary Care Governance Team, in writing, of any change in the information held about him or her within 7 days.

Application for Inclusion on the Performers List

If you wish to apply to the Performers List as a general medical practitioner, please print off and complete Section 2 of the application form. This should be accompanied by the following:

- Appropriate Medical Indemnity
- Criminal Record Certificate (issued not more than 6 months ago)

Please note it is essential that all sections of this form are completed, that it is signed and dated and the required documentation accompany the application otherwise it is likely that a decision on your application will be delayed.

Please return the form, signed and dated with the required documents and payment, to:

Professional and Care Regulation
Public Health Directorate
Maison Le Pape
The Parade
Jersey
JE2 3PU
Contact Details

If you have any questions about the Registration process, please contact:

Christine Blackwood  
Head of Professional and Care Regulation  
Tel: 01534 445798  
Email: c.blackwood@health.gov.je

If you have any questions about completing section 1, the medical practitioner registration application form, please contact:

Mandy Bates  
Information and Data Quality Administrator  
Tel: 01534 445801  
Email: a.bates@health.gov.je

Or

Sally Hazley  
Registration Administrator  
Tel: 01534 445802  
Email: s.hazley@health.gov.je

If you have any questions about applying for inclusion on the Performers List for General Practitioners or have any questions about completing section 2, please contact:

Clare Fitton  
Primary Care Manager  
Tel: 01534 443510  
Email: c.fitton@health.gov.je

Legislation

The registration of doctors in Jersey and the requirements for inclusion on the Performers List for General Practitioners is based on the following legislation, copies of which can be obtained from the Gov.je website:

Medical Practitioners (Registration) (Jersey) Law 1960

Medical Practitioners (Registration) (Amendment No 4 ) (Jersey) Law 2011

Medical Practitioners (Registration) (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 2014

Medical Practitioners (Registration) (Responsible Officer) (Jersey) Order 2014

Health Insurance (Performers List for General Medical Practitioners) (Jersey) Regulations 2014