



Application for Regulation of a New Profession by the Health Professions Council

Please refer to the accompanying notes to assist you in completing this form. Please place your completed response and accompanying documents into a binder, suitably divided into different sections for each of the topics. Please make 62 copies of your application for distribution to Council Members.

SECTION 1 Contact details

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 Name of applicant occupation SPORTS THERAPISTS
 Suggested title(s) for protection (if different) SPORTS THERAPY

If you have suggested more than one title, please explain your decision:
one is the individual practitioners, the other the occupational title

SECTION 2 Previous applications

Please indicate if this is the first time that the occupation has applied to be regulated by the predecessor, the CPSM.

Yes No

If no, please describe the reasons for rejection(s)

SECTION 3 Consideration of alternative routes to regulation

Has the applicant occupation considered seeking explored regulation as a distinct subsection within a profession already being regulated and if so have you rejected this route?

Yes No

If so, what were the reason(s) for rejection of alternative route?

Has the applicant occupation considered joining other unregulated occupations in a similar field who are currently seeking HPC regulation or may do so?

Yes No

If not, please explain why not

SECTION 4 The occupation must cover a discrete area of activity displaying some homogeneity.

Please define the applicant occupation's scope of practice in terms of activities practised.

PLEASE REFER TO THE FULL SUBMISSION DOCUMENT

Are there professions we currently regulate with whom the scope of practice overlaps?

Yes No

If yes, please provide evidence showing how the applicant occupation's scope of practice is distinct.

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SECTION 5 The occupation must apply a defined body of knowledge

Please attach evidence of applicant occupation's body of knowledge

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Are there professions currently regulated by the HPC with whom the applicant occupation's body of knowledge overlaps?

Yes No

If yes, please provide evidence showing how the applicant occupation's body of knowledge is distinct.

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SECTION 6 The occupation must practise based on evidence of efficacy

Please provide evidence of research into the efficacy of the applicant occupation's practice. You are encouraged to attach copies of articles published in journals accepted as learned by the health sciences community.

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Please provide evidence demonstrating the scientific and measurable basis for measuring practice outcomes. You are encouraged to provide evidence demonstrating the scientific basis for the applicant occupation's body of knowledge and other aspects of its practice as well, if possible.

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Please attach any additional evidence that demonstrates that the applicant occupation subscribes to the ethos of evidence-based practice. You are encouraged to provide examples of how treatment strategies have changed in the light of evidence.

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SECTION 7 The occupation must have at least one established professional body which accounts for a significant proportion of that occupational group.

Please provide documentary evidence of established professional bodies for the applicant occupation.

For each body, you are encouraged to include:

- The constitution or rules
- Copies of minutes of meetings
- The Standing Orders of the governing body and its constituent committees
- The election rules and results.

Please provide evidence demonstrating the number of practitioners of the applicant occupation

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If there is more than one established professional body or representative organisation for the applicant occupation, please attach evidence that all bodies are involved in and support this application. You are encouraged to provide evidence of a steering group or similar structure, and to provide evidence of its work.

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Are there any professional bodies or other representative organisations for the applicant occupation that have not been informed of this application?

NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE

If there are practitioners who have not followed the defined routes of entry to the profession, please discuss potential grandparenting requirements and implication.

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SECTION 8 The occupation must operate a voluntary register(s)

Please complete this section for each voluntary register that covers the applicant occupation

How many practitioners of the applicant occupation are on the voluntary register?

3000 + . THIS FIGURE CAN FLUCTUATE AND IS GENERALLY INCREASING. THIS REPRESENTS THOSE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF SPORTS THERAPISTS INCLUDING THOSE FROM OTHER SPORTS THERAPY ORGANISATIONS WHO HAVE JOINED THE REGISTER FOLLOWING MASS CONSULTATIONS.

Are these figures independently audited, and if so, by whom?

YES. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY OF SPORTS THERAPISTS IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL AUDIT BY OUR ACCOUNTANTS:
DAVISON + WORMAN
16 ROYAL TERRACE
GLASGOW
G3 7NY

Please give the date of opening of the register

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Finally, please provide evidence indicating how many practitioners of the applicant occupation are not on any of the voluntary registers for which you have provided details above.

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SECTION 9 The occupation must have defined routes of entry to the profession

Please provide evidence as to how entry to the applicant occupation is controlled, by providing:

Details of the routes of entry

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Evidence that demonstrates that only individuals choosing one of the entry routes are recognised as being practitioners of the profession. You are encouraged to provide supporting statements to this effect from educational institutions and employers.

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Information about the applicant occupation's QAA Subject Benchmark or equivalent. If none yet exists, please provide evidence demonstrating an intent to work towards a benchmark.

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SECTION 12 The occupation must have disciplinary procedures to enforce those standards

Please attach evidence demonstrating the system used for disciplining practitioners. Please also attach descriptions of the procedures used to administer the system, along with at least three anonymised case reports. This information will be handled confidentially and will not be shared outside the HPC.

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SECTION 13 The occupation must require commitment to Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

Please provide evidence demonstrating that the profession is committed to the principles of CPD. You are encouraged to provide details of any planned or existing CPD schemes.

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SECTION 14 Views of others

Please attach any documents you have received from other organisations or individuals in which a view is expressed about your application.

SECTION 15 Impact on Council's ability to carry out its functions effectively

Regulation by the Council is, to a large extent, dependent on participation by members of the regulated profession in a number of roles. The inability or limited ability of an applicant occupation to provide this input will never, of itself, be a reason for the Council to recommend that the application should be turned down. However, the Council will discuss this in its report to the Secretary of State accompanying its recommendation for an application. If the applicant occupation wishes, it can provide information or comment on this issue here:

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