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Education and Training Committee

GRANDPARENTING PROCEDURES

from the Secretary

for information

TIMETABLE AND CONTEXT FOR GRANDPARENTING PROCEDURES

This is a note for information to the Education and Training (ETC) and Registration Committees on the timetable and context for grandparenting procedures.

This current up-date together with several other relevant items will go to the ETC meeting on 12 February 2003.

The final version of forms and guidance notes to support grandparenting, however, cannot be completed by 12 February because they are awaiting further development work from the Standards of Proficiency Project (notably the workshop on 6 February) and further legal advice.

It is proposed to work up proposals for the grandparenting procedures in fuller detail for the Registration Committee on 6 March 2003, to be posted as indicative documents on the web-site thereafter, and then for formal confirmation by ETC on 26 March 2003 to allow HPC to meet its statutory requirement to be able to receive applications after 1 April 2003.

While the guidance notes and application forms can be multi-professional, the indication of the scope of Tests of Competence profession by profession will also need to be published.

The Committees should note that nothing in the procedures can be in conflict with the legal advice received by them and by the Council nor can contradict the profession specific advice the Council is working with even if the legal scope of that advice for the purposes of grandparenting may be different than from other purposes such as Subject Benchmarking of courses.