

Restoration to the register

33 Anyone who has been removed from the register has the right to apply to be restored to it. Those practitioners who have been removed for a specified period may not apply for restoration until the specified period of removal has lapsed. Others can apply at any time, although in reality it is most unlikely that any application made less than twelve months after removal would be considered favourably by the UKCC.

Restoration cases are considered either by the Professional Conduct Committee or the Health Committee as appropriate. Those who have been removed following a conviction for a serious criminal offence such as murder, rape, child abuse and serious physical assault will not be restored to the register if this is likely to undermine public confidence in the nursing, midwifery and health visiting professions.

34 In order to provide a case for being restored to the register, the practitioner must demonstrate that:

- they understand and accept the reason for their removal
- they have taken appropriate action to address the problems which led to their removal, such as through counselling
- they have been working in a related field of care for a significant period of time and have demonstrated exemplary standards of conduct during that time