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**HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL**

Dear Colleagues

From 1 July 2009 educational psychologists are required to be eligible for registration or to be registered by the Health Professions Council (HPC). HPC requires registrants to meet standards to determine "fitness to practice".

From 1 July 2009 chartered educational psychologists who were members of the British Psychological Society (including the Scottish Division of Educational Psychology), were transferred automatically to the HPC Register. Those who are not eligible to transfer automatically can become registered by grand-parenting for a period of three years (until 30 June 2012). This route is open to those who have a "historic approved" qualification, who are currently in service and can demonstrate one year's supervised practice.

Currently, the SNCT requires educational psychologists to be chartered for first employment or salary progression. This requirement is deleted and paragraph 1.45, Part 2, has been amended to reflect this change. This change also refers to the probationary period and 'inductee' is now referred to as a 'probationer'. Appendix 2.1, Page 6 has been amended accordingly. For full registration with HPC a graduate from the Scottish training courses is required to obtain the BPS Award in Educational Psychology. This represents the completion of a doctoral-equivalent qualification. The process in the final year of training and supervised practice, which leads to the Award, is scrutinised by the BPS Board of Assessors in Scotland. Where a candidate is on a part time contract, the period is extended on a pro-rata basis. Once the candidate has met the levels of competence required of the Award that candidate will be eligible for full registration with HPC.

The term educational psychologist is a title protected in law and can only be used by those registered by HPC.

Holders of the Handbook should replace Part 2: Section 1 and Part 2: Appendix 2.1 with the attached amendments.

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