



British Pharmaceutical Students' Association
The Official Student Organisation of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Response to GPhC announcement of the delayed assessment

We welcome confirmation of the dates for the postponed registration assessment and are grateful that this news can bring an end to a lot of anxiety for our members. We urge all employers to read our previous statement on the support that they can offer to their provisionally-registered pharmacists to ensure they have the suitable support for this assessment.

Whilst the GPhC announcement today brings clarity on the dates of the assessment and answers several questions about the assessment sitting, we would urge the GPhC to ensure the additional information that they have promised is released as a matter of urgency. We agree with the GPhC that no provisionally-registered pharmacists should feel compelled to sit this assessment in March 2021 if they do not feel fit to do so, however, we would like the GPhC to explicitly state that by choosing to postpone until the next sitting for any reason would not result in removal from the provisional register.

We would also urge the GPhC to release example questions in an online format that mimic the actual assessment so that provisionally-registered pharmacists can practice navigating the questions and resources.

Finally, we would ask the GPhC to confirm the date on which the results of the assessment will be published so that our members can plan accordingly.

We wish everyone working towards this first sitting of the assessment the best of luck and we will continue to advocate for you to ensure that you have all the information, support and guidance that you require.

Yours Sincerely,

On behalf of the British Pharmaceutical Students' Association

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