



Dear Colleague

GP21A forms

Summary

1. This PCA advises of an update to the forms GP21A.

Background

2. Following the introduction of provisional listing on 31 January 2026 forms GP21A have been updated to enable Health Boards to advise whether or not a dentist is joining their dental list on a provisional basis.

GP21A form

3. Three new fields have been added to the forms as follows:
 - Is dentist listing provisionally? Y/N;
 - Date of transfer to full listing; and
 - Date of successful completion of the test of knowledge.
4. Where a dentist is applying to list provisionally the Health Board should complete the relevant version of form GP21A as normal, ensuring that the provisional listing field indicates this status, and submit to Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSDS).

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Addresses

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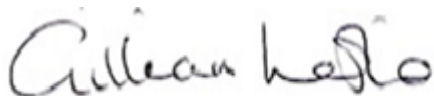
5. Once the dentist has undertaken the relevant part(s) of Mandatory Training, and successfully completed the Test of Knowledge, subject to the dentist complying with the notification process detailed in [PCA\(D\)\(2026\)2 – Amendment Regulations – 11 February 2026 – Scottish Dental](#) the Health Board should update form GP21A to confirm date of successful completion and date of transfer to full listing, then submit to PSDS.
6. Where a dentist is not applying to list provisionally (however was required to complete Mandatory Training before applying to list) the field to confirm 'that it is not a provisional listing' requires to be completed, as well as the field to record the date of successful completion of the Test of Knowledge. This information is necessary for the forthcoming changes to prior approval later in the year.

Actions

NHS Boards

7. A copy of the updated forms GP21A can be accessed on-line at:
[Access GP21A forms | National Services Scotland](#)
8. Health Boards should use the new forms GP21A with immediate effect, and older forms will no longer be accepted.

Yours sincerely



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