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## Verification for CNHC Registration

The Board at its meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 discussed issues relating to the verification of practitioners who apply to be admitted to the CNHC register.

The discussion was as a result of a report to the Board that a number of multi disciplined registrants had complained to CNHC that their Professional Association (PA) was unable to verify all of their qualifications because their PA was not a member of all of the professional fora for the disciplines which they were seeking to register.

Further as a number of PAs were unwilling to verify applications from practitioners who were not their members, the only route left open to them to be admitted to the register was through the AP(E)L route at a cost of £150 for each applicant.

The Board agreed this was clearly unacceptable. The Board also agreed that CNHC must facilitate all legitimate routes on to its register for those who meet its standards, as part of its public protection role.

CNHC cannot therefore disenfranchise practitioners who meet its standards for registration but are members of Professional Associations (PAs) that are not affiliated to profession specific Professional Fora.

The Board agreed that CNHC should accept verifications by all PAs who can meet its verification requirements, and not just those that are members of the appropriate Professional Forum. This position will be maintained unless or until such time as the forum raises concerns with CNHC that such organisations are unable to accurately verify that such practitioners do not meet the CNHC standards for entry to its register.