

# The Farriers Registration Council



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## GUIDE TO TEMPORARY APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION FOR FARRIERS FROM OTHER EUROPEAN STATES

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## Context

This Guide is written in accordance with:

- The Farriers (Registration) Act 1975<sup>1</sup> as amended by the Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Act 1977, the Farriers (Registration) Act 2017, the Farriers' Qualifications (European Recognition) Regulations 2008 and the Farriers' Qualifications (European Recognition) Regulations 2015.
- The European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations<sup>2</sup> 2015 implementing EC Directive 2005/36, as amended by EC Directive 2013/55.
- The Rules and Procedures of the Farriers Registration Council
- The Farriers Registration Council (Disciplinary Committee) Procedure Rules 1976 (Statutory Instrument 1976/700)

**The profession of farriery is regulated throughout Great Britain (GB) (England, Scotland and Wales) by the Farriers Registration Council (FRC);** regulation is inclusive of the Isle of Wight and the Scottish and Welsh Islands. Regulation is *not* inclusive of Northern Ireland, The Isle of Man or The Channel Islands.

The contents of this Guide set out the prescribed terms and conditions for qualified farriers from European States wishing to enter GB to practise farriery for short periods, i.e. on a temporary and occasional basis.

In accordance with EU Directive 2005/36 there are separate provisions for qualified farriers who seek permanent establishment as a farrier within GB; permanent establishment within GB requires registration in Part 1 of the Register of Farriers. A separate FRC publication 'Guide to Applications for Registration for Farriers from Other European States' that sets out procedures for permanent applications is available from the FRC on request.

This Guide is one of four that set out the FRC's procedures for the registration of overseas farriers who wish to work permanently in GB, or undertake temporary work, farrier training, farrier-related work experience or participate in farriery competitions in GB. Applicants are encouraged to engage early with the FRC to ensure they are applying under the correct procedure.

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<sup>1</sup> Available to view at [www.farrier-reg.gov.uk](http://www.farrier-reg.gov.uk)

<sup>2</sup> Available to view at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/2059/contents/made>

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## **Background**

1. The practice of farriery throughout GB (England, Scotland and Wales) is regulated under the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975, which requires all persons engaged in farriery to be registered with the Farriers Registration Council (FRC). It is a criminal offence to shoe horses (including your own) or engage in farriery in GB while not registered as a farrier; to do so may render an offender liable to criminal prosecution. A conviction carries a fine of up to £1,000, plus costs and will result in a criminal record.
2. Farriery is defined in Section 18 of the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 as:

“any work in connection with the preparation or treatment of the foot of a horse for the immediate reception of a shoe thereon, the fitting by nailing or otherwise of a shoe to the foot or the finishing off of such work to the foot.”
3. The FRC is designated by Government as the National Competent Authority for the profession of farriery in GB for the purposes of EC Directive 2005/36, as implemented by The European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015.

## **UK Qualifications for Registration**

4. The FRC’s usual prescribed course of training for registration purposes under Section 7(1)(b) of the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 is an Advanced Apprenticeship in Farriery, including periods of block release college training, on the job training with an Approved Training Farrier (ATF) and the following mandatory outcomes:
  - Worshipful Company of Farriers (WCF) Diploma in Farriery (QCF) - known as the DipWCF (Technical Certificate)
  - Diploma in Farriery (Work Based)
  - Functional Skills in English and Mathematics (Level 2)
  - College Certificate in Business
  - 6 Personal Learning and Thinking Skills
  - Employee Rights and Responsibilities
5. The Advanced Apprenticeship is currently delivered within GB by three Colleges (Herefordshire and Ludlow College, Myerscough College and Warwickshire College), and further details on the advanced apprenticeship may be obtained from any of the Colleges. Details of the DipWCF syllabus may be found on the WCF website [www.wcf.org.uk](http://www.wcf.org.uk)

## **Applications to Provide a Temporary and Occasional Service from European Nationals**

6. Under EC Directive 2005/36 qualified European farriers seeking to provide a temporary and occasional farriery service within GB may gain entry onto Part 5 of the Register of Farriers if they comply with certain conditions.
7. Applicants must hold the nationality of a European State or by virtue of any enforceable Community right be entitled to be treated no less favourably than a national of such a state, i.e. a spouse. European States include all those in the European Economic Area (EEA), i.e. all EU member states plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

## **Making an Application**

8. Applicants must inform the FRC of their intention to provide farriery services on a temporary and occasional basis by providing a signed written declaration. If an applicant chooses to mail their completed declaration papers they are advised to do so by recorded mail or special delivery. Applications may be submitted by e-mail or by facsimile (fax). The application must be completed in English and certified English translations of supporting documents must be supplied.
9. Under the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 it is an offence for any person to procure a false or fraudulent representation or declaration of any kind. The FRC reserves the right to contact any person it considers necessary in order to verify the accuracy of information given. The FRC has a duty, where possible, to inform an applicant about the FRC's decision in respect of their application; for applications where there are no matters to resolve this will usually be within one (1) month of receipt of the written application, where there are matters to resolve this may take up to two (2) months.
10. If an incomplete application is received the applicant will be informed in writing that the application is not considered acceptable, with reasons. If no written response is received from the applicant within one (1) calendar month of this written notification all documentation will be returned to the applicant, and the application will be void. Applicants may however re-submit the same documentation, together with the additional information or correction needed, as a new application if they wish.
11. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application in writing. If any part of this Guide is unclear please contact the FRC for further assistance.

## **How your Information will be used**

12. The information contained in your declaration will assist the FRC to process your application as quickly as possible. We may check your information with any referees or any employers named in support of your application. We may also check and confirm the information you provide with the national contact point within your home state and with the UK Department for Business, Energy

and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). We may also check with the body that awarded your farriery qualification (if applicable) in your home state.

13. At the point of entry to Part 5 of the Register of Farriers your name, address, qualifications, telephone numbers, e-mail address, website (where given) and date of entry onto the Register will be made public on the FRC Register of Farriers. The Register is made available in an abbreviated format on the FRC website and published in the FRC publication, The Farriers Bulletin.

### **Requirements to be a Registered Farrier**

14. All Registered Farriers in GB are regulated by the FRC and are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the requirements set out in a 'Farrier and Apprentice Code of Professional Conduct' (this publication is available to view at [www.farrier-reg.gov.uk](http://www.farrier-reg.gov.uk)). The Guide describes the principles of good farriery practice, standards of competence, care and conduct expected of Registered Farriers in all aspects of their professional work. Breaches of these rules may result in farriers being removed from the Register of Farriers. Farriers should also be aware of and comply with relevant national legislation including the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 and the Animal Welfare Act 2006.
15. All Registered Farriers are expected to;
  - to submit an annual return of any criminal convictions or police cautions that are not deemed as spent for the purposes of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974
  - to hold suitable Professional (Business) Indemnity Insurance to cover their professional activities
  - to continue their professional education by keeping up to date with the developments in farriery, and to keep their knowledge and skills up to date throughout their working life.

### **Appeals against non-Registration**

16. An appeal against a decision made by the FRC in respect of an application made under any of the procedures set out in this Guide should be submitted to the FRC's Disciplinary Committee by writing to the Registrar of the FRC stating the reasons for appeal. The application for appeal will be considered at a formal hearing and the applicant will be able to present his or her case in person, or be represented, legally or otherwise, if they wish. An appeal must be lodged within fourteen (14) days of the notification of a decision by the FRC.

### **Warning**

17. Applicants may not engage in farriery in GB until they have been notified in writing that they have been entered onto Part 5 of the Register of Farriers.

## **Temporary Provision of Farriery Services within GB**

For EU applicants with a farriery qualification or professional experience who wish to provide a temporary and occasional farriery service in GB

- TE.1 EC Directive 2005/36 permits a farrier from an EU Member State (MS) who is established (i.e. either employed or self-employed) in another MS to provide farriery services in the United Kingdom (UK). Applicants should note that the FRC's authority is confined to GB, not the UK; put simply, the FRC has authority in England, Scotland and Wales, the Isle of Wight and the Scottish and Welsh islands, the FRC does **not** have authority in Northern Ireland, The Isle of Man and The Channel Islands.
- TE.2 This provision exists to enable EU farriers to cross borders to practise for short periods, i.e. on a temporary and occasional basis only. The provision does not permit EU farriers to work in GB on a permanent or established basis.
- TE.3 The temporary nature of the provision of services shall be assessed in relation to its duration, frequency, regularity and continuity.
- TE.4 Legal establishment means they are providing a service and are part of the economy of their home state. Thus applicants will be required to show they are working as a farrier in their home state, providing evidence such as a statement from their relevant tax department and audited accounts to prove this.
- TE.5 If farriery is unregulated in their home member state the farrier making an application must supply evidence of at least one (1) years professional farriery practice.
- TE.6 A farrier from an EU state who wishes to provide a temporary and occasional service must:
- either hold a qualification in farriery; or
  - provide evidence which confirms that the applicant has rights of automatic recognition in accordance with Articles 16 and 17 of Directive 2005/36. In simple terms this equates to six (6) consecutive years employment (or a combination of professional training and employment) in the profession of farriery; and
  - be legally established as a farrier in their own MS, that is be fully qualified to work as a farrier in that MS and not be debarred from practise for any reason; and
  - if the profession is not regulated in the MS of the applicant then proof of one (1) years professional experience within the last ten (10) years in the form of references from their employer, an accountant and a veterinary surgeon. This may be evident from other information supplied with the application.
- TE.7 Farriers who wish to provide a service in this way must inform the FRC of their intention to provide services on a temporary and occasional basis by providing a

signed written declaration as set out in the application form in accordance with Article 7 of EC Directive 2005/36, with appropriate supporting documents ***in advance of the provision of services.***

TE.8 The application must be supported by the following documents:

- proof of identity and nationality in the form of a copy of the identity page and outer cover from the applicant's passport, national identity card or photo driving licence (***a certified copy is preferred***).
- attestation of legal establishment in another European State:

If self-employed: proof of registration as a company or in trade, professional licence or certificate, proof of trading from the national or state taxation body, certificate of self employment or audited accounts; or

If employed: professional licence or certificate, a reference from an employer confirming the dates the professional activities were undertaken, social security slip or proof of tax payment or proof of registration in a trade register.

- evidence of formal professional qualifications in the form of copies of qualification certificates (***certified copies preferred***), or attestations of competence from the relevant competent authority<sup>3</sup>;or
- an attestation of professional experience confirming the applicant has rights of automatic recognition in accordance with Articles 16 and 17 of EU Directive 2005/36, i.e. a minimum of six (6) years' experience as a self-employed or employed farrier, or a combination of six (6) years training and business practice<sup>4</sup>.
- if the documents provided do not confirm that the applicant is not prohibited from exercising the profession of farriery, then a statement from the appropriate MS

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<sup>3</sup> The competent authority in another relevant European State is the authority, body or person who under laws, regulations or administrative provisions is authorised in that State to issue, award or recognised the documents or information concerned to certify the period of professional experience, to receive the application or to take the action or decision. In the first instance applicants are advised to contact the government contact points, which may also be the designated competent authorities.

<sup>4</sup> For these purposes "experience" is defined as follows:

To have worked as a farrier for a period of at least six (6) consecutive years on either a self-employed basis or as a manager of a farriery undertaking. This period of employment must have ended no more than ten (10) years prior to the application.

To have worked as a farrier for at least three (3) consecutive years in a self-employed capacity or as a manager of a farriery undertaking and have at least three (3) years prior training in the shoeing of horses.

To have worked as a farrier for at least four (4) consecutive years on either a self-employed basis or as a manager of a farriery undertaking and have at least two (2) years prior training in the shoeing of horses.

To have worked as a farrier for at least three (3) consecutive years on a self-employed basis and for at least five (5) years in an employed capacity. This period of employment must have ended no more than ten (10) years prior to the application.

To have worked in farriery for at least five (5) consecutive years in an executive position of which at least three (3) years were spent in technical posts with responsibility for one (1) or more departments of the undertaking and have received at least three (3) years prior training in shoeing horses.

For the purposes of these applications a 'manager' is someone who has managerial experience in the farriery profession. It includes branch managers and deputy managers with responsibility to or for one or more departments

competent authority that the applicant is not debarred from practice of farriery for any reason will be required.

- TE.9 Checks will be made with the relevant Government contact point and/or competent authority to ensure the validity of the documents received. A letter of support from the relevant competent authority in the applicant's home state may assist the application process.
- TE.10 If the application is successful the applicant will be registered with the FRC in Part 5 of the Register of Farriers. No fee is payable for registration in Part 5 of the Register. Applicants will be provided with an acknowledgement in writing confirming their registration, and the applicant may practise farriery in GB once this has been issued.
- TE.11 An application will be refused where the applicant is not able to prove either that they have a relevant qualification, or appropriate experience, or that they are legally established in their home state, or where any evidence is found to be false.
- TE.12 The declaration and the period of registration is valid for a period of one (1) year only and must be renewed annually. If checks conducted by the FRC suggest that the farriery services being provided are not temporary or occasional then the entitlement to register at Part 5 will be reviewed and may be revoked.
- TE.13 EU farriers will, under this scheme, operate under their home state title or title of their formal qualification, and details of this and their address will be available for public scrutiny. Applicants must provide the recipients of their services with their details registered with the FRC, the name and address of the competent or supervisory authority in their home state, details of any professional body with which they are registered, the professional title or qualification and relevant state in which it was awarded, VAT identification number (if applicable) and details of their professional liability insurance cover.
- TE.14 Applications consisting of completed declarations plus relevant supporting documents should be returned to: The Farriers Registration Council, 14 Swan Court, Forder Way, Cygnet Park, Hampton, Peterborough, PE7 8GX.

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