

Background

The Register of Clinical Technologists (RCT) was set up in 2000 to provide a voluntary register which would protect the public by setting standards for the training, competence and conduct of clinical technologists. Once accepted onto the register, after completing an approved training course or through an equivalence route, registrants are required to pay an annual renewal fee and confirm each year that they are carrying out continuing professional development (CPD) and that they will abide by the RCT Code of Professional and Ethical Conduct.

The searchable register

The names of all registrants in good standing with the register (i.e. fees paid and not suspended or removed from the register) appear on a searchable online register accessible via the RCT's website (www.therct.org.uk). For enquirers who cannot access the online register, a search of the register can be carried out by the RCT Administrator on their behalf.

All registrants' names are added to the register at the point of registration, and remain on the publicly-accessible register unless and until they are removed from the register for non-payment, through resignation, or following disciplinary sanctions imposed by a Disciplinary Panel of the Professional Conduct Committee.

In addition to the individual registrant's name, the register shows their registration number, the year of their registration, and their current place of work (by city/town only, not employer or specific place of work). This is intended to enable the public to check whether a professional dealing with them is on the voluntary register.

As the purpose of the register is public protection, it is the policy of the RCT that the names of all registrants in good standing will normally be entered on the searchable register and so visible to the public. However, 'exceptional circumstances' may be recognised, under which names will be withheld from the register, e.g. on request from the police because a registrant was going into a witness protection scheme, or if there was evidence that including the name in the online register would put the registrant at risk in some way.

Should a request be made to withhold the name of a registrant from the searchable register, the RCT Management Panel will request permission to seek specific legal advice on the case.

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