

Declaration on health and conduct

Health

In common with other Registers, it is the policy of the RCT, when a person first applies to join the Register, to ask them to sign a declaration to confirm that they do not have a health condition that would affect their ability to practise their profession. The Declaration of Health and Conduct Issues policy is available on the RCT website at www.therct.org.

You only need to declare information about a health condition if you believe that your health may affect your ability to practise safely and effectively. If you don't provide accurate information in your application, or you fail to provide all the relevant information, and this comes to light, this will be dealt with through the Fitness to Practise Procedure and you may be removed from the Register.

Once registered, you will be asked to confirm that your health does not affect your ability to practise when you renew your registration each year.

You only need to declare changes to your health that affect your ability to practise when you renew your registration, but you may choose to inform the RCT about changes to your health at any other time if you wish to.

Conduct

Applicants are also required to declare whether they:

- have ever been convicted of a criminal offence or received a police caution or conditional discharge for a criminal offence other than a 'protected caution' or 'protected conviction' (i.e. one that would be filtered out from a DBS/AccessNI check, and does not need to be disclosed for jobs that are subject to standard or enhanced DBS/AccessNI checks. For full information on which cautions and convictions are protected, see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-filtering-guidance/> / <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/information-disclosed-in-a-criminal-record-check>)
- have ever been disciplined by a professional or regulatory organisation or their employer or educational establishment; or
- have ever had civil proceedings other than a divorce or dissolution of a civil partnership brought against them (e.g. lawsuits brought to claim compensation, or for breaking the terms of a contract).

Driving offences

- Fixed-penalty motoring offences (such as speeding, breach of load restrictions, use of mobile phone whilst driving) do not need to be declared. Other convictions should be declared.

If you do not provide accurate information in your application or subsequently, or you fail to provide all the relevant information, and this comes to light, this will be dealt with through the Fitness to Practise Procedure and you may be removed from the Register.

While you remain on the RCT, you have a responsibility to inform the Register immediately about any convictions or cautions you receive whilst registered. You must also inform the Register of any professional, regulatory or disciplinary proceedings taken against you by a professional body, a regulator, educational body or your employer. Any such proceedings should be reported as soon as the outcome is known, and you should not wait for the annual re-registration declaration to declare these. You can contact the Register by emailing enquiries@therct.org.uk

Information on health or conduct issues declared at the time of application will be considered by the registration assessors, who will make a recommendation to the Management Board about whether the individual should be admitted to the Register (if all other requirements have been met).

Information on health or conduct issues declared by existing registrants will be passed to the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) of the RCT to be dealt with under the Fitness to Practise Procedure, a copy of which is posted on the RCT website for registrants and the public to consult.

Please tick both boxes and sign below:

I confirm that I do not have any health condition that I believe will affect my ability to practise safely and effectively.

I confirm that I do not have any convictions, cautions, or civil or disciplinary proceedings as set out above, to declare.

Signature Name

Date

Applicant's undertakings:

I confirm that I have suitable and sufficient primary professional indemnity insurance in place where this is not provided by my employer.

I wish to apply for admission to the Register of Clinical Technologists and declare that the information I have given in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and true. I agree to be governed by the Register of Clinical Technologists Code of Professional Conduct, and accept that any breaches of the Code of Conduct will be dealt with under the Fitness to Practise Procedure. I accept that I have a responsibility to maintain a continuous, up-to-date and accurate record of my CPD activities and I understand that I may be selected to participate in the annual CPD audit process.

By signing below, I also confirm I have suitable and sufficient primary Professional Indemnity Insurance in place where this is not provided by my employer, which I understand is a requirement of the RCT.

Signature Name

Date