

Proposed revised version of Protocol on the Handling of Criminal Convictions Disclosed by Registrants

Thank you very much for inviting us to comment on the protocol. We have no comments on the revisions save for the following:

- At paragraph 6 we strongly request that the 14 day period for requiring information is extended to 28 days. This would provide for the situation of a registrant being out of the country for 2 weeks (which is the most common period of time for holidays, etc.)
- At paragraph 7 we would request that the Registrar notify the applicant in writing within 5 working days on receipt as opposed to the 10 working days currently suggested. It is our view that for registrants to wait 2 weeks for a decision can be extremely stressful and given that the decision may impact on the provision of optometric services a shorter time frame is in our view essential.

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