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Checking the Credentials of Trained
 and Professional Staff

A reminder is given to all hospitals of the need to check the credentials of trained and professional staff in their employ.

It is essential that qualifications and, where necessary, registrations of new employees be thoroughly checked prior to commencement of duties. Failure to adhere to this instruction and the subsequent employment of a person without the required credentials may place the hospital in an invidious position in the event of legal action being brought in respect of the treatment of a patient.

With particular reference to those certain categories of staff who are required to be registered, hospitals are asked to familiarise themselves with the various registration acts and regulations thereunder. It is the responsibility of each hospital to ensure that all such staff working at the hospital, whether salaried or in an honorary capacity (including recent graduates) produce evidence of full or provisional registration prior to commencement of duty, and that regular checks be made to see that each person does, in fact, hold current registration.

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