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Dear

Re-registration with the Hearing Aid Council (HAC) or registration with the Health Professions Council (HPC)

I am writing as you recently voluntarily removed your name from the Register of Hearing Aid Dispensers maintained by the Hearing Aid Council (HAC). The Government is to abolish the Hearing Aid Council and transfer its responsibility for registering dispensers to the Health Professions Council (HPC) on 1 April 2010. From this date it will be a criminal offence to practise using the protected title 'hearing aid dispenser' unless you are registered with the HPC. This letter sets out your options should you need to become registered again.

If you need to re-register before 31 March 2010

Until 31 March 2010, you can apply to rejoin the Register of the HAC. You will then be automatically transferred to the HPC Register on 1 April 2010. There will be no charge for transferring your registration to the HPC. To be sure of being registered before the transfer, you should send your re-registration application to the HAC before **1 March 2010**. You will need to pay a pro rata fee depending on when you wish to register.

To register with the Hearing Aid Council, please complete the re-registration form which you can download from our website at www.thehearingaidcouncil.org.uk/registrants/forms

If you only wish to register for March (the minimum length of time available) then please indicate so on your application form. You can apply now to register in March. The HAC will process your application so you are registered from 1 March 2010 and you will only need to pay for that month. Alternatively you can register for February too, simply indicate this on your form and enclose the correct payment as detailed below:

To register from February	£115.83
To register for March	£57.92

At the beginning of May 2010, the HPC will write asking if you want to renew your registration. You will also be given information about your payment options. You will then have three months in which to renew your registration and pay your renewal fee. The first renewal cycle will run from 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2012. A fee of £152 will be payable for this period.

If you need to register from 1 April 2010

As you were previously a HAC registrant, you may be eligible to apply to the HPC from 1 April 2010 via the UK admission route. More information about applying to become registered with the HPC will be available on their website at www.hpc-uk.org/apply shortly before the opening of the Register on 1 April 2010. In addition to completing an application form, you will also need to provide a completed character and health reference and pay a scrutiny fee of £53 in addition to the registration fee of £152 and provide certified documents to verify your identity. Payment of this fee will retain your name to the HPC Register for the period until 31 July 2012. More information about applying to become registered with the HPC will be available on their website at www.hpc-uk.org/apply shortly before the opening of the Register on 1 April 2010.

Yours sincerely



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