



British Pharmaceutical Students' Association  
The Official Student Organisation of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society

## Registration Assessment Disruption

Following reports of significant disruptions faced by a number of candidates sitting the Registration Assessment, we call upon the GPhC to do more to ensure that candidates are not further negatively impacted nor unfairly disadvantaged. It is already a particularly stressful time for candidates; to add in hours of waiting, quarantined, at the test centre to then finish in the late hours of the day, or not be able to finish due to the building closing, is disgraceful.

We understand that the GPhC has announced that they are exploring actions to support candidates affected by severe delays. We suggest looking into whether measures such as a provisional register and a sooner resit option with fast tracked results could be potential actions taken. Some candidates have relied on this sitting for numerous reasons, including to be financially stable. Furthermore, we urge the GPhC to urgently consider the implications that all reported disruptions have caused and continue to cause, including to the candidates' wellbeing. There should already have been, and indeed now be, processes in place in advance to prevent, or at least mitigate, disruptions, with clear communications in place. We look forward to working with the GPhC to ensure current candidates are supported and future candidates do not have a similar experience.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all candidates the best of luck and remind them that Pharmacist Support provides free support services. The BPSA has been proud to support you in your journey to becoming a pharmacist, and will continue to support and advocate for pharmacy students and trainee pharmacists. Please see our registration assessment feedback form as we seek to hear more about candidates' experiences.

**Yours Sincerely,**  
**On behalf of the British Pharmaceutical Students' Association**

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