

Registration Update**Purpose**

This paper updates Council on registration and Independent Prescriber (IP) annotation activity following the June 2026 Common Registration Assessment (CRA), with a focus on key figures, dates and delivery against the published timeline.

Key statistics

Measure	Figure	Comment
Candidates who passed the June 2026 CRA	165	Total number of successful CRA candidates.
Successful candidates eligible to join the Register	161	160 in August and 1 in July.
Successful candidates eligible for IP annotation	160	Based on eligibility following CRA and NICPLD FTY programme completion.
Applications received by recommended date	147	Received by 22 July 2026.
Further applications received	15	Received between 23 July and 04 August 2026.
Eligible candidates registered by published timeline	160	Registered between 30 July and 07 August 2026.
IP annotation applications received by 06 August	59	Submitted between 03 and 06 August 2026.
Candidates annotated by 07 August	56	Remaining applications progressed through required checks and confirmation processes.
Candidates annotated by 21 August	74	Total annotated as Independent Prescribers by this date.
Candidates annotated by 02 September 2026	82	Total annotated as Independent Prescribers by this date.

Key dates

Date	Activity
22 July 2026	Recommended application date to support registration within the published timeline.
30 July to 07 August 2026	Registration completed for 160 eligible candidates, meeting the published registration timeline in full.
31 July 2026	NICPLD provided programme completion data for most candidates.
03 August 2026	NICPLD data received on 31 July was entered into the system.
03 to 06 August 2026	59 IP annotation applications were submitted by newly registered pharmacists.
07 August 2026	56 candidates had been annotated as Independent Prescribers.
18 August 2026	Remaining NICPLD programme completion data was received and entered into the system on the same day.
21 August 2026	All eligible applicants had been registered as pharmacists, with 74 annotated as Independent Prescribers.
03 September 2026	A further eight candidates were annotated, bringing the total number of newly qualified pharmacists annotated as Independent Prescribers to 82.

Operational assurance

The timeline was ambitious and placed significant operational pressure on the Registration team, requiring substantial work within a compressed period. Delivery was achieved through sustained effort, close coordination and careful oversight, while maintaining the integrity of the registration and annotation processes.

Final position as of 02 September 2026

By 02 September, all eligible students who had passed the CRA, completed the NICPLD Foundation Training Year programme and applied to join the Register had been registered as pharmacists. A total of 82 pharmacists had also been annotated as Independent Prescribers by this date.

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