

Other exceptions

The following are also activities excepted from registration:

- Any health or social care activity carried out by a carer for a member of their family or someone they are in a personal relationship with, where the care is provided during that family or personal relationship for no commercial consideration. This means a person does not pay another person when they provide or promise to provide a service. A family relationship can include people treating each other as if members of the same family, so long as they are living in the same household. A personal relationship means a relationship between or among friends, including family friends.
- Primary ophthalmic services (for example, high street optometrists) or ophthalmic services that are of the same kind as those provided by high street optometrists.
- Primary pharmacy services (for example, high street pharmacists) or pharmacy services that are of the same kind as those provided by high street pharmacy services.
- Treatment provided by a registered nurse to pupils in a school, where the nurse is engaged and directed by the school. In general, this will exempt school registered nurses in independent schools, but not in public sector or state schools, where the school nursing service will be included in the registration of the relevant provider.

- First aid provided in the following circumstances by:
 - organisations established to provide first aid
 - healthcare professionals in unexpected or potentially dangerous situations requiring immediate action
 - non-healthcare professionals who are trained to deliver such treatment.
- Nurses' agencies acting as an employment agency that supplies staff to organisations carrying on regulated activities, but that do not provide any regulated activities themselves.
- Activity carried on for the purpose of testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) presence or antibodies, or for processing, analysing or reporting the results of those tests ([see the Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(Regulated Activities\) Regulations 2014](#), Schedule 2 paragraph 12).