

UK Professional Registers Cheat Sheet



Overview

Professional registers are maintained by regulatory bodies and local authorities to ensure **individuals meet licensing and competency requirements** in various fields.

These registers often include:

- Full name and license type
- Licence number and expiry
- Employer or organisation name
- Business address or local authority area
- Fitness to practice status or disciplinary notes



Why It Matters

- Verifying employment claims or **income sources**
- **Locating individuals** through associated workplaces or licensing councils
- Flagging **second jobs, undeclared employment, or moonlighting**
- Identifying individuals in **positions of trust** or authority
- Confirming **industry-specific expertise or accreditation**



Limitations

- **Role-specific** – no **central search** across all professions
- **Data limitations** – some only show **current active licences** (expired/removed data not retained)
- **Varying depth** – some show **full addresses**, others only confirm active status or employer name.
- **Fragmented landscape** – registers are hosted by many **different bodies** (councils, regulators, associations).
- **Not universally covered** – many roles **aren't regulated**.



Tips and Considerations

- Use known postcodes to **search council portals** and find subjects on professional registers
- Look for **dual roles**, e.g., lawyer who is also a licensed taxi driver
- Use returned numbers to trace **formal complaints** or suspensions
- Search LinkedIn or company websites to **validate** professions and stated qualifications



Investigation Support

- **Employment Verification** – Confirm **claimed occupations** or licences
- **Fraud Detection** – Spot **unlicensed** or banned operators
- **Due Diligence** – Identify high-risk individuals with **disciplinary history**
- **Location Intelligence** – Link professionals to **towns or business addresses**
- **Lifestyle Analysis** – Understand **income potential** and work networks
- **Executive Protection** – Identify sensitive roles, licensure threats, or **exposure**



Where to Search

- **Council Registers** – Taxi Drivers, massage parlours, tattooists, traders, etc.
- **Solicitors Regulation Authority**
- **General Medical Council** – Doctors
- **Public Insights** – Collated list of many professions

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