

2012

Ready for revalidation
➤ starts 3 December

Information for doctors in training

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The Secretary of State for Health has confirmed that revalidation will start on 3 December 2012. From this date, every doctor who is fully registered with a licence to practise will need to revalidate. This includes doctors in foundation year two and specialty training.

➤ How revalidation will work for doctors in training

As a doctor in foundation or specialty training, we know that you are working within a highly governed system and that your practice is already subject to periodic review. This means that revalidation will be straightforward for you and the process similar to that for other licensed doctors.

Your 'responsible officer' will make a revalidation recommendation to us periodically. He or she will base their recommendation on your participation in the Annual Review of Competence Progression (ARCP) process (or its equivalent the Record of In-Training Assessment (RITA)).

This means you need to be engaged in and meeting the assessments and curriculum requirements of your training programme.

You will already be in regular discussion about your progress and outstanding learning needs with your supervisors. These discussions should include summarising and reflecting on strengths and weaknesses, and significant achievements or difficulties, which will usually encompass information on significant events, and complaints and compliments.

As long as you are doing this, there is nothing extra you need to do to be ready for revalidation.

Your responsible officer will be asked to confirm that there are no outstanding concerns about your fitness to practise. To do this, they will draw mainly on your participation in the ARCP or RITA processes, but may take account of other relevant information, for example, from employers.

➤ Your responsible officer

- If you are a trainee in England, your responsible officer is your postgraduate dean.
- If you are a trainee in Scotland, your responsible officer is the medical director for NHS Education for Scotland.
- If you are a trainee in Wales, your responsible officer is the postgraduate dean of the Wales Deanery.
- If you are a trainee in Northern Ireland, your responsible officer is the postgraduate dean of the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency (NIMDTA).

You should already have an account with GMC Online, because you needed one to complete this year's national training survey.

➤ When you will revalidate

We worked with your responsible officer over the summer to schedule your first revalidation.

Your first revalidation will depend either on your date of full registration (FR) or your expected Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) date.

Your first revalidation	
Expected CCT between 3 December 2012 and 31 March 2013	Between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2016
Expected CCT between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2018	At point of eligibility for CCT
Expected CCT after 31 March 2018, and those trainees who do not currently have an expected CCT date	Between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2018. (Your responsible officer can bring forward your revalidation to align with your expected CCT date where necessary.)

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For doctors in training who gain full registration after the 3 December 2012, the point at which you revalidate will depend on how long your training lasts:

- If your training lasts less than five years, your first revalidation will be at the point you become eligible for CCT.
- If your training lasts longer than five years, your first revalidation will be five years after you gained full registration with a licence to practise, and you will revalidate again at the point you become eligible for CCT.

Doctors who exit their training programme prior to obtaining CCT will retain their allocated submission date, and their next responsible officer will need to make a recommendation by that date.

For more information about
revalidation (including FAQs), please:

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