Q&A: Trainees

QUESTION

How will I revalidate as a trainee?

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 last year’s national training survey. Your RO will base their recommendation on the way you are progressing through your training, which is currently assessed by an Annual Review of Competence Progression (ARCP) panel.

Trainees will only be expected to provide the supporting information required for revalidation where this is already covered by the requirements of their curriculum and training programme, and most trainees will already produce this as a matter of course during their training.

The GMC states that the point at which you revalidate as a doctor in training will depend on how long your training lasts.

- If less than five years elapse between the point of licensure and completion of training your first revalidation will be at the point of eligibility for CCT (technically 60 days afterwards).
- If more than five years elapse between the point of licensure and completion of training, you will be revalidated five years after you gained full registration with a licence to practise, and again at the point of eligibility for CCT.
- When you complete your training, your postgraduate deanery will no longer be your designated body. Your designated body will change to the organisation in which you spend most or all of your practice.

For full details, please visit the GMC website.
SCENARIO

I’ve just completed my training but have just received notification that I am to revalidate in about two months’ time. How can I prepare my supporting information in that short amount of time?

Don’t worry. Whilst your first revalidation will be at the point of eligibility for CCT, a technicality means that you revalidate approximately 60 days after the point at which you complete your training.