

Targeted GP Training Programme

Process for applying for a time expired previously passed exam

RCGP exam regulations state:

Examination passes which expire during Targeted GP Training

The currency of all MRCGP AKT and CSA passes is seven years in line with the GMC's expectations about the currency of national professional examinations. Doctors who find that an AKT or CSA pass obtained during GP Specialty training has become invalid whilst they are undertaking TGPT, will be required to re-sit this examination. All doctors must have valid exam passes in both CSA and AKT, as well as satisfactory workplace-based assessments, at the time they are awarded a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT). Trainees on the TGPT scheme should also be assessed by their educational supervisor or training programme director for their readiness to sit examinations whose currency has elapsed, typically at the first interim Educational Supervisor Report (ESR) which will occur no earlier than 6 months (whole time equivalent) into the TGPT scheme. This decision on readiness to sit should be confirmed in the Interim Review documentation.

Eligibility criteria

To be accepted to sit the exam the trainee must have:

- completed 6 months (wte) of the training programme
- had an interim review
- been assessed as ready to sit the exam by their Educational Supervisor or Training Programme Director
- the assessment confirmed in writing ideally in the ESR or as an educator's note, using the agreed standard statement:
"The Educational Supervisor has carefully considered all the available evidence and can/cannot confirm that, from the evidence provided by the trainee, they are ready to sit the xxx exam".

If eligible to apply based on the above, it is possible to apply to take an exam that has not yet expired but will expire within the training programme. The most recently taken exam result will be considered current.

Process

- The exams team will notify GPSA of all TGPT trainees who have applied in each diet
- GPSA will check the specific four criteria listed above
- If all four criteria do not apply, the deanery will be contacted by GPSA
- If the deanery and trainee agree that the trainee should not have booked to sit the exam, the trainee should contact the exams team and to cancel the booking. This must be done within two weeks of the booking.