The Developmental Portfolio Assessment Route to Registration on the UK Public Health Register

A Brief Guide

The UK Public Health Register was established in 2003 and the Chartered Institute have been represented at the Board since its inception. The aim of the Board is to promote public confidence in specialist public health practice and registration with the Board only happens after applicants have undergone a robust assessment process.

The new Developmental Portfolio Assessment Route to Registration, developed and managed by the CIEH, retains the robust nature of the assessments and combines this with a professional developmental process to deliver competent Specialists in Public Health.

Everyone who applies for registration is assessed for their competence and this is driven by the ‘Good Public Health Practice’ produced by the Faculty of Public Health, and held on the Register website.

The document includes the ten key areas of public health practice on which the assessment of standards for admission to the Register is based.

The Developmental Portfolio Assessment Route is a new route, accepted by the UK Register Board, of demonstrating competence in these ten areas.

The process by which an applicant can gain registration to the UK Register via this route is by a series of retrospective portfolio submissions AND the by the demonstration of a Professional Development Plan. Each submission includes a number of pieces of work that evidence that the applicant meets some of the requirements of the Assessment Framework and how this maps against their Professional Development Plan. By submitting a number of portfolios, over time, the applicant will eventually show that all elements of the Assessment framework are met.

After each submission applicants will receive developmental feedback from the assessor. At the successful completion of the assessment process, when all elements of the assessment framework have been met, the CIEH will make a formal recommendation to the Register Board that the applicant be included on the UK Public Health Register.

Useful Resources:
Guidance on the new route and application forms for assessment can be found on the CIEH website at http://www.cieh.org/route_to_uk_phr.html

Information on the UK Register, its principles, administration and governance can be found on its website: www.publichealthregister.org.uk

Further information and guidance can be found on the Faculty of Public Health website; http://www.fphm.org.uk/