General

Fees frozen for doctors completing speciality/GP training

PMETB and the GMC have announced that the fees for trainee doctors completing speciality/GP training - and those seeking certification via the equivalence routes – will be frozen at the current levels for 2010/11.

PMETB and the GMC have issued a joint press release about this.

New chief executive for PMETB

PMETB is pleased to announce the appointment of Graham Smith as its new chief executive. Graham joins the organisation with a wealth of experience from a variety of senior Department of Health and National Health Service positions and more recently as chief executive and registrar of the Nursing and Midwifery Council. Graham joins PMETB from 1 September 2009.

PMETB’s Chief Executive Paul Streets, from 1 September this year will take up a new patient-focused role with the Department of Health for England.

To read more click here.

PMETB’s merger with the GMC: DH consultation launched

The Department of Health (England) has now launched a consultation on draft legislation under Section 60 of the Health Act 1999. The Section 60 Order (S60) will deliver the formal transfer of PMETB’s functions to the GMC.
More information about this can be found on the [Department of Health website](http://www.dh.gov.uk).

PMETB and the GMC have also produced a [briefing note](http://www.pmetb.org.uk) on the S60 consultation.

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**PMETB Briefing – Patients and PMET**

This new briefing outlines our current and future plans to engage with patients. PMETB seeks to involve patients in its work, to ensure training and guidance for today's trainee doctors meets the needs of tomorrow’s patients.

To view this latest briefing click [here](http://www.pmetb.org.uk).

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**PMETB National Stakeholder Conference: 1 October 2009**

The final PMETB National Stakeholder Conference will be held on **1 October 2009**, at RIBA, London. Keynote speakers include Mrs Linda de Cossart and Dr Thomas Nasca (CEO of the American Council Graduate Medical Education). The programme and other details will be distributed to delegates ahead of the event.

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**Quality**

**The National Survey of Trainee Doctors: results by provider, deanery and UK-wide now available**

This year PMETB and COPMeD undertook the third annual National Survey of Trainee Doctors. All trainee doctors in PMETB educationally approved posts were targeted. The results from this survey can now be accessed via the PMETB reporting tool; and can be viewed by local education provider, specialty and deanery.

The online results of this year’s survey may be accessed using the following link: [http://reports.pmetb.org.uk](http://reports.pmetb.org.uk).

A national summary report of the survey, with trends and findings that will be of interest to policy makers and other medical and educational stakeholders is issued each year. We have yet to undertake the analysis for this year, but work on this is now being arranged, with publication expected for autumn this year. Last year’s national summary report can be found [here](http://www.pmetb.org.uk).

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**National Survey of Trainers closes**

The National Survey of Trainers 2009 has now closed. The response rate exceeded last year’s and PMETB would like to thank all consultants and GP trainers who helped to make this year’s survey a success. Results from this will be available in the forthcoming months.

For further information about this year’s National Survey of Trainers please visit the PMETB website: [www.pmetb.org.uk/trainersurvey](http://www.pmetb.org.uk/trainersurvey).

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**New visit report for Yorkshire and the Humber**

We have recently embarked upon our second round of visits to deaneries. The most recent report to be published is from Yorkshire and the Humber. To read the report, visit:
Workplace Based Assessment: A Guide for Implementation

Workplace Based Assessment: A Guide for Implementation is new guidance to help trainers assess, supervise and help trainees progress through workplace based assessments (WPBA). Jointly produced by PMETB and the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC), this publication will help reassure patients that the competency of the junior doctors that care for them is rigorously monitored throughout their training.

Download: Workplace Based Assessment - A Guide for Implementation

Certification Update

This month the certification team has released a new application form and guidance for the review application process. This allows applicants to seek a review of PMETB's decision and enables additional documentary evidence to be submitted. Visit http://www.pmetb.org.uk/3323 for more information.

PMETB Certificates: Which route am I eligible for?

A recent consultation of PMETB applicants revealed that some doctors were having difficulty in deciding which route they were eligible to apply through to gain entry to the General Practice (GP) or Specialist Register. In direct response to this, PMETB have launched a new online tool to help eliminate some of the confusion for applicants. This tool asks applicants a series of questions about their previous training and their nationality and then directs them to guidance and information on the route relevant for them.

Visit www.pmetb.org.uk/route for more information.

200 applications made in first month of Certification Online

PMETB has launched a new online CCT application form to simplify and streamline the CCT application process. This is particularly important as increasing numbers of doctors are completing their training in a concentrated window between the end of July and the beginning of August.

For more information about Certification Online, visit: http://www.pmetb.org.uk/certificationonline.

CESR/CEGPR combined programme (CP): an introduction

Following the introduction of run-through specialty training in August 2007, a number of trainees have been appointed to PMETB - approved specialty training programmes above ST1 level. This group of doctors may have completed what is known as a "combined programme".

A combined programme (CP) is a combination of successfully completed training undertaken in a PMETB-approved programme and other training/experience in posts prior to the programme, which were not part of a PMETB-approved programme. Applicants in this position...
would not be able to apply for a CCT as not all of their training would have been in PMETB-approved training posts. As those applicants are eligible to apply via the CP route will have necessarily completed their training in a PMETB-approved programme, their applications are simpler to process than a normal CESR or CEGPR application (having final ARCPs and having completed PMETB approved assessments/examinations from their entry to ST training) and the streamlined process and lower cost reflects this.

For more information about the CESR/CEGPR (CP) route visit: www.pmetb.org.uk/2967.

Updated certification statistics

To provide applicants and stakeholders with a greater insight into the work done by the certification directorate we have compiled statistics on the number of applications that have been processed in each of the medical and surgical specialities.

These statistics show that PMETB has issued decisions between March–June 2009 on over 1,200 CCT/CESR/CEGPR applications.

To view the latest statistics: http://www.pmetb.org.uk/certstats.

Partners

PMETB Partners

One of the workstreams from the Partners conference 2009 was the suggested introduction of reviews for panel members, chairs and visitors. Piloting of this has now started.

Another workstream for discussion at this year’s Partners conference was the development of the Partners’ section of the PMETB website. This input from the conference has influenced the development of a new section of the website which provides existing Partners with access to important information and documents and explains to stakeholders the role of a PMETB Partner.

To find out more and take a look at the new Partners web developments, visit: www.pmetb.org.uk/partners or to contact the Partners team directly email partners@pmetb.org.uk.

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About PMETB

PMETB is a statutory body, responsible for overseeing and promoting the development of postgraduate medical education and training for all specialties, including general practice, across the UK.

It assumed its statutory powers on 30 September 2005 taking over the responsibilities of the Specialist Training Authority of the Medical Royal Colleges (STA) and the Joint Committee on Postgraduate Training for General Practice (JCPTGP).

The vision that PMETB has set itself is to achieve excellence in postgraduate medical education, training, assessment and accreditation throughout the UK to improve the knowledge, skills and experience of doctors and the health and healthcare of patients and the public.

In response to the outcomes of Sir John Tooke’s MMC Inquiry, the Department of Health has announced that PMETB and the GMC should be merged from 2010. This will provide a single seamless regulatory structure for medical education from medical school through to postgraduate education and training and continuous learning until retirement.

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