Revalidation— Zero Hour

The Secretary of State for Health, the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP has confirmed that the legislation for medical revalidation will go live from Monday 3 December 2012.

From that date onwards the Responsible Officers (Ros) from every Designated Body (DB) will need to undergo their initial revalidation, allowing them to make recommendations about those doctors with whom they have a “Prescribed Connection”.

When is my Due Date?

The GMC have been undertaking the task of allocating revalidation due dates for all registered doctors in the UK since October 2012. Your personal Due Date should be available via GMC Online by 3 December 2012.

“Due Date” Allocation

The GMC have issued the criteria by which they will be allocating revalidation Due Dates

“[Doctors in Training] first revalidation will depend either on their date of full registration (FR) or their expected Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) date:

- If a trainee’s expected CCT date is between 3 December 2012 and 31 March 2013, their first revalidation will be between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2016.
- If a trainee’s expected CCT date is between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2018, their first revalidation will be at their point of eligibility for CCT.
- If a trainee’s expected CCT date is after 31 December 2017, their first revalidation will be in December 2017 (responsible officers can ask us to change the revalidation date at any stage to align with any change in expected CCT date).

Doctors who gain full registration with a licence to practise after 3 December 2012 will be set a revalidation date five years from the point of full registration. The date can be changed subsequently to align with their expected CCT date where appropriate.”

Key Facts

 Evidence — Each individual doctor is responsible for keeping records relevant for their future revalidation. It is not the responsibility of the Deanery or Trust to retain copies of records that have been provided to doctors.

 Due Date—This is the date by which the RO must make a “recommendation” about you to the GMC.

 Engagement—One of the requirements of the revalidation process is to “engage in annual appraisal”. As a doctor in training all you need to do to satisfy this requirement is engage with the ARCP process.

 Clinical Governance— To satisfy the GMC’s revalidation requirements you must demonstrate your clinical governance activity. This should be covered by your training curriculum, apart from:

 3. Significant Events
 6. Review of Complaints and Compliments

 For these domains new systems have been developed.
Many doctors in training take a period of “Out of Training Career Break/Experience/Research/Training”, this process for which will remain the same in relation to your training scheme. The implementation of medical revalidation will require those doctors engaging in a period of out of programme to produce documentation to support revalidation and the ARCP process as they may not have done in the past.

This could be as simple as having a plan by which to return to training or it could include more detailed information regarding your research project or work undertaken, for example.

Specific guidance for each type of out of programme will be provided to you at the time your application is accepted by the Deanery.

### Revalidation Timeline

- **05/10/12**: Submission of Prescribed Connections to the GMC
- **03/12/12**: Go Live date for regulations and deadline for notification of due dates to doctors
- **29/03/13**: Deadline for revalidation of Responsible Officers
- **01/04/13**: GMC begins revalidating doctors

### Foundation Year 2 Doctors and ARCP

From the summer of 2013 those doctors completing their FACD 5.2 paperwork will be issued with an ARCP outcome. This will used to begin your revalidation cycle as it is your point of full registration.

It is not envisaged that you should have to provide much more evidence than those completing FY2 already do, but you may be required to provide evidence for the two domains on the previous page.

Further information will be available from the UK Foundation Programme website once it has been confirmed: [http://www.foundationprogramme.nhs.uk/pages/foundation-doctors/training-and-assessment/fpcurriculum2012](http://www.foundationprogramme.nhs.uk/pages/foundation-doctors/training-and-assessment/fpcurriculum2012)
Revalidation for General Practice Trainees

Message from Dr Simon Newton, Wessex Deanery ARCP Lead

Most of the information you need to know for revalidation is covered on the Deanery revalidation pages;

http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/trainee_revalidation.aspx

I particularly recommend reviewing the FAQs section.

There are some issues for GP trainees relating to the RCGP training eportfolio, described below:

- The update to the eportfolio to allow for revalidation will go live in early December. From this date your Educational Supervisor will be asked as part of the ES review to say whether or not you have been involved in a conduct/capability investigation and whether or not you have been involved in Significant Un-toward Incident/Significant Event investigation and whether you have had any complaints made against you.
- If you have been involved in one of these processes your ES will be asked to state whether it has been resolved satisfactorily with no unresolved concerns.
- If the complaint has not been resolved your ES will be asked to provide more information.
- Revalidation for trainees in the Wessex Deanery is not starting until 1st April 2013 (see FAQs). So although your ES will need to sign this declaration as part of the ES report if you receive your CCT between 3/12/12 and 1/4/13 you won’t proceed to revalidation at your CCT date. If you are in this group of trainees your revalidation will be at a later date, within 1 – 3 years post CCT, which the GMC will inform you of in the near future (available via GMC online).
- Whenever you are applying for your CCT after 3/12/12 you will need to submit Form R as part of the preparation for your ARCP and revalidation and this is not incorporated into the eportfolio. You will need to submit this form in hard copy as at present.

Poster Campaign

Look out in your local education centre for the Revalidation Wessex poster campaign, this will give you and your colleagues information on the current process and also a glossary of terms so that you can familiarise yourself with the new terminology surrounding medical revalidation.

GMC Website: http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/12383.asp

RST Website: http://www.revalidationsupport.nhs.uk/index.php

Department of Health statement on Revalidation: http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/10/revalidation-starts/

Deanery Website: http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/trainee_revalidation.aspx

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