

PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALTY TRAINING – ST1 Applicant Guidance 2018

THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE MUST BE READ BEFORE YOU DECIDE THROUGH WHICH ROUTE YOU ARE APPLYING TO PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALTY TRAINING

You are advised to refer to this guidance together with the Essential Guidance - FAQs as you go through the application process

You are personally responsible for the accuracy of submitted information. If any part of the form is discovered to be untrue or fraudulent you may be subject to disciplinary action

Please read the following guidance carefully when filling in your application form:

1. **Dental graduates** must apply through the non-medical route if they wish to undertake general public health training.
2. **Medical graduates** may apply through the non-medical route, but will not be able to change their training status later in training nor their final registered status.
3. **Medical graduates** applying through the medical route must be eligible for full registration and hold a current licence to practice with the GMC by August 2018

Medical applicants

If you are a doctor applying through the medical route, you will need to demonstrate appropriate foundation competence. This is through a minimum of two years postgraduate medical experience by the time of appointment (equivalent to that obtained in a UK Foundation Training programme). This can be demonstrated by:

- **current** employment in a UKFPO-affiliated foundation programme
- **completion** of a UKFPO affiliated foundation programme with possession of FPCC/FACD 5.2 signed and dated no earlier than 1 January 2015. A scanned copy of the FPCC/FACD 5.2 must be uploaded with your application.
- **current** employment in a UK educationally approved training post (CT/ST/LAT or equivalent), holding either a National Training Number (NTN) or Deanery Reference Number (DRN). Please ensure you enter your current DRN or NTN on your application form at the appropriate page
- the submission of an Alternative Certificate of Foundation Competence signed by a consultant or GP who has supervised you for at least three months, whole time equivalent, (continuous period) since 1st January 2015. Applicants may submit multiple Alternative Certificates, from different posts, in order to show evidence of achievement of all competences. However, the version of the form used must be the same for comparable purposes. All submitted certificates must relate to posts undertaken for at least three months (whole time equivalent and a continuous period) since January 2015. Scanned copies of the certificate(s) must be uploaded to the Oriol application system at the time of application. Original document(s) will be requested at a later date. The submitted form does not have to be the 2018 Alternative Certificate of Foundation Competence as long as the post that has been assessed as delivering equivalence of Foundation competence has been wholly undertaken since 1 January 2015 and prior to application submission

All applicants are required to have had at least 12 months' experience **after** achieving full GMC registration or equivalent, and evidence of achievement of foundation competences in the

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three and a half years preceding the **intended** start date from a UKFPO-affiliated foundation programme or equivalent, in line with GMC standards / Good Medical Practice_

Non-medical applicant or a doctor applying through the non-medical route:

- You must be in possession of a qualifying degree which is either a 2:1 or above in a primary degree (Bachelors) or a formally examined Masters or PhD. A postgraduate certificate or diploma is not acceptable as a qualifying degree
- The qualifying degree **MUST** have been certificated by the date of submission of this application (The dated certificate provided by the University will be required at Selection Centre if you are called to interview).
- You must have completed five years (60 months) of whole time equivalent (WTE) work (excluding the qualifying degree) by August 2018
- The completion of the 60 months is mandatory. You must be able to provide evidence of 60 months WTE work which has been completed by the date you start in training. You cannot delay the start of training to achieve this.
- Of those 60 months, 24 months must be in an area relevant to population health practice and must be at NHS Agenda for Change Band 6 or above, or its equivalent. Further guidance on this is given at the appropriate place on the application form and in the FAQs.
- There must be evidence of a minimum of three months WTE public health relevant experience at NHS Agenda for Change Band 6 level (or equivalent) **in the three and a half years up to August 2018 (i.e. since 1 January 2015)**
- Professionals who are registered with the Health and Care Professions Council or Nursing and Midwifery Council, and who have worked in a post related to that registration for two years WTE (see next bullet point), will be considered to have fulfilled the Public Health relevant eligibility criterion provided the grade is correct.
- The other 36 months need not be specifically relevant to population health practice, and may include unpaid work but this **must** be under a formal contracted commitment to an organisation.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that the exact number of WTE months is correctly set out in your application and that you are not double counting time.
- Studying towards the qualifying degree (whether primary degree or higher degree where this is the qualifying degree) will not count as part of the five years of employment experience.
- If the qualifying degree is taken part time and part time work has continued (e.g. a Masters degree taken as part of a job and supported by an employer), then not more than 0.5 WTE work time may count towards the total work time and this time cannot be counted towards the 24 months public health relevant, Agenda for Change Band 6 work.
- If the higher degree is NOT the qualifying degree, that time can be counted towards the 36 months general work (but not towards the 24 months relevant work).
- You are advised to document on your application form all periods of study as well as employment for the purposes of checking eligibility and to clearly document every qualification you wish to be taken into account as a qualifying degree

Any applications that do not meet the requirements set out above will be rejected at eligibility checking. There will be no opportunity to amend incorrect application forms after submission