



Faculty of Public Health

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The Status of The Faculty of Public Health Diplomate Examination (DFPH)

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Following consultation with Royal Colleges and Faculties, the GMC published a paper in May 2015 that outlined their position on approved curricula and the role of UK and overseas exams. Further information and the GMC position paper can be found [here](#).

The GMC position is that Registrars who were appointed onto the 2010 and any subsequent curricula MUST pass the relevant UK College exams in full (no non UK exemptions) that have been approved by PMETB or the GMC as part of the curriculum and assessment system in order to be eligible to be awarded a CCT. Doctors who have an exam that is not approved within the curriculum ARE NOT eligible for a CCT.

This GMC position has clear implications for the status of the Irish Faculty of Public Health Medicine Part I Examination in relation to Registrars in training in the UK who wish to be awarded a CCT by the GMC. (Note, Registrars from backgrounds other than medicine are not eligible to take the Irish Faculty examination).

The GMC has written to FPH and the Irish Faculty to outline their expectations in relation to the DFPH exemption that FPH currently provides to Registrars who have passed the Part I Examination.

As part of the GMC's transitional guidelines, FPH is able to provide DFPH exemptions that count towards CCT where the following two criteria are met:

Part I examination pass has been achieved before 1 June 2015 and

- The doctor enters the UK training programme before 31 December 2016.

Going forward, and following discussions within FPH and with the Irish Faculty, FPH will continue to recognise Part I Examination passes towards membership of FPH.