



Royal College of Anaesthetists

Training Programme Update

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2010 Curriculum Implementation

Implementation plan approval

The GMC have approved the College's implementation plan to transfer trainees currently on the existing 2007 GMC approved CCT in Anaesthetics curriculum to the 2010 CCT in Anaesthetics curriculum. In approving the implementation plan, the GMC has recognised that the training at the basic and intermediate levels in the two curricula [2007 and 2010] are equivalent and therefore trainees who transfer will be eligible for a CCT on successful completion of the UK approved programme. In addition, the GMC has agreed transitional arrangements for the recognition of examination credits accrued prior to transfer to the new curriculum.

Implementation

The implementation plan for the 2010 curriculum is as follows:

- All CT1 trainees starting from August 2010 will be appointed to a programme using the 2010 curriculum.
- All CT2 to ST5 trainees will be transferred to the 2010 curriculum in August 2010 or all CT2 to ST5 in August 2011.
- The decision of when to transfer to the 2010 curriculum [August 2010 or August 2011] lies with the School of Anaesthesia and not with an individual trainee.
- All trainees starting ST6 and 7 in the year the School transfers CT2-ST5 trainees to the 2010 curriculum will remain on the 2007 curriculum.
- The 2007 curriculum will continue as an approved curriculum until midnight, 31 December 2015 to allow those less than fulltime ST 6 and 7 trainees to complete their CCT.
- Some limited flexibility in deferring ST3/4 units of training to ST5 will be available for ST4 trainees for the year of transfer.

Transitional arrangements of examination credits for implementation of 2010 curriculum

Transitional arrangements have been agreed with the GMC for those trainees who were appointed to a CCT programme in Anaesthetics prior to 1 August 2010 and who are transferred to the approved 2010 curriculum. For trainees who have completed the respective Irish examination in its entirety [i.e. the Primary and/or Final] by the date of transfer to the 2010 curriculum, the examination will be recognised for the award of a CCT.

For those trainees who have partly completed the Irish examination, such as the MCQ component only, on transfer to the 2010 curriculum, there are two options:

- Complete the Irish examination and proceed with the training programme for the award of a CESR[CP]; or

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- Complete the RCoA examination [within the rules for number of permitted attempts and exam validity]

Please note, the Irish examinations are currently not approved tests of knowledge for the award of a CCT for the 2010 CCT in Anaesthetics curriculum. If a trainee eligible for a CCT after transferring from the 2007 curriculum completes an Irish examination after 1 August 2010 or 1 August 2011 (depending which year the School transfers to the new curriculum) in lieu of the respective UK examination, the trainee will lose their eligibility for a CCT but will be eligible for the CESR[CP] instead.

College Website

Information about the CESR[CP] is available within the training pages of the [College website](#).

FAQs will be available on the College website in the near future. Further questions should be directed to the College Tutor in the first instance, Regional Adviser or the College Training Department.

Commencement date: With immediate effect

Review: N/A