

Guidance for issuing 'Confirmation of Core Level Equivalence' Certificate

Background

The 'Confirmation of Core Level Equivalence' certificate was introduced in August 2010 for doctors who have not completed the UK core level training programme in substantive training posts, but who can evidence the requisite competences and have passed the Primary FRCA. The certificate is intended for those doctors in non- training posts who are already be working in the UK. The certificate is primarily used to evidence eligibility for recruitment for ST3 applications.

Certificate policy

Such individuals can be awarded the Initial Assessment of Competence certificate (IAC) and the Initial Assessment of Competence in Obstetric Anaesthesia (IACOA) but cannot be awarded the Core Level Training Certificate as they are not in a substantive training post. Instead, if it can be demonstrated that the individual has achieved all the Core Level clinical learning outcomes and has passed the primary FRCA examination, a Regional Adviser Anaesthesia (RAA) or a Deputy Regional Adviser(DRA) can award the '[Confirmation of Core Level Equivalence](#)' certificate available on the College website.

The certificate requires the signature of the local RAA or the DRA and therefore the doctor must also 'be known' to the RAA/DRA signing their certificate or at least have been recommended to them through their College Tutor.

The College recommends that before a 'Confirmation of Core Level Equivalence' certificate is issued, the RAA or DRA undertakes a thorough review of the doctor's evidence to ensure acquisition of the core clinical learning outcomes can be demonstrated.

The following supporting documentation has been deemed appropriate evidence and should be used as a guidance only (Please also refer to Annex B of the [curriculum](#));

- IAC
- IACOA
- Sign off of the core clinical learning outcomes (the Assessment Guidance document can be adapted to aid recording)
- Any ARCPs conducted
- Success in Primary FRCA
- An outline CV
- Support of the current College Tutor

Please note that the 'Confirmation of Core Level Equivalence' certificate can only be issued, if the RAA or DRA is **fully satisfied** with the evidence submitted in support of core level competence. If the RAA/DRA is not fully satisfied with the evidence, then they can request further documentation. If, however they are still not satisfied following further documentation then they should not sign the certificate.