



The Royal College
of Anaesthetists

e-Portfolio WBA Guidance for Assessment for IAC and IACOA

Dear Trainees and Trainers,

Following the introduction of the new assessment forms onto the e-Portfolio, we have received questions regarding how trainers should indicate the satisfactory completion of those assessments which remain summative i.e. Initial Assessment of Competency (IAC) and Initial Assessment of Competency in Obstetric Anaesthesia (IACOA).

Currently, we have space to record the IAC /IACOA code on assessments:

9. IAC /IACOA Code	<input type="text"/>
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The trainee should clearly indicate the text and code of the competency being assessed (http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/system/files/TRG-CCT-ANNEXB_0.pdf - page 94).

*For the IAC and IACOA the assessor should state clearly, in the free text boxes, whether performance in that particular assessment was **satisfactory** or **unsatisfactory**.*

Completing a form in this way does not create any special link on e-Portfolio, nor is there a way to filter out assessments by this code. The only way to ensure that all component assessments of the IAC/IACOA are complete before sign off of the certificate is to click on each completed assessment to find those with the correct code - most trainers ask their trainees to find the relevant assessments for them.

We do appreciate that this is not the most effective way of signing off IAC/IACOAs. We would like to reassure you the Joint Committee on Assessments and e-Portfolio (as part of the College's Training Committee) is reviewing this to help both trainees and trainers.

Kind regards,

The Training and e-Portfolio teams