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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 344**

**HEALTH CARE AND  
ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS**

**DOCTORS**

**The Postgraduate Medical Education and  
Training (Amendment) Order of Council 2012**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>7th February 2012</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>16th February 2012</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>16th March 2012</i>

Their Lordships make the following Order in exercise of powers conferred by section 34D(3) of the Medical Act 1983(1).

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training (Amendment) Order of Council 2012 and comes into force on 16th March 2012.

**Amendment**

2. For the Schedule to the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Order of Council 2010(2) (recognised specialities within the United Kingdom), substitute—

“SCHEDULE

Article 11

Recognised Specialities within the United Kingdom

**PART 1**

Specialities requiring a minimum training period of five years

Cardio-thoracic surgery (*also known as thoracic surgery*)

Emergency medicine (*also known as accident and emergency medicine*)

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(1) 1983 c. 54. Section 34D was inserted by 2010/234, article 4 and Schedule 1, paragraph 10.  
(2) [S.I. 2010/473](#).

General (internal) medicine\* (*formerly known as general medicine*)  
General surgery\*  
Medical oncology  
Neurosurgery\* (*also known as neurological surgery*)  
Paediatric surgery  
Plastic surgery\*  
Trauma and orthopaedic surgery\* (*also known as orthopaedics, and formerly as orthopaedic surgery*)  
Urology\*  
Vascular surgery

## PART 2

### Specialities requiring a minimum training period of four years

Cardiology (*formerly known as cardio-vascular disease*)  
Chemical pathology (*also known as biological chemistry and as clinical biochemistry*)  
Child and adolescent psychiatry (*also known as child psychiatry*)  
Clinical genetics  
Clinical neurophysiology  
Clinical oncology (*also known as radiotherapy*)  
Clinical pharmacology and therapeutics (*also known as pharmacology*)  
Clinical radiology\* (*also known as diagnostic radiology and formerly known as radiology*)  
Dermatology  
Gastro-enterology  
General psychiatry\* (*also known as psychiatry, as general adult psychiatry, and as mental illness*)  
Genito-urinary medicine (*also known as venerology*)  
Geriatric medicine (*formerly known as geriatrics*)  
Histopathology  
Immunology (*also known as immunopathology*)  
Infectious diseases (*also known as communicable diseases*)  
Medical microbiology (*also known as microbiology and bacteriology*)  
Medical virology  
Neurology\*  
Nuclear medicine  
Obstetrics and gynaecology\*  
Occupational medicine  
Oral and maxillo-facial surgery (*also known as dental, oral and maxillo-facial surgery (basic medical and dental training)*)  
Paediatrics\*  
Public health medicine (*also known as community medicine*)

Renal medicine (*also known as renal disease, and formerly known as nephrology*)  
Respiratory medicine\* (*also known as thoracic medicine*)  
Rheumatology  
Tropical medicine

### PART 3

Specialities requiring a minimum training period of three years

Anaesthetics\*  
Endocrinology and diabetes mellitus (*also known as endocrinology*)  
Haematology (*also known as general haematology*)  
Ophthalmology\*  
Otolaryngology\* (*also known as otorhinolaryngology, and as ENT surgery*)

### PART 4

Specialities with no minimum training period

Acute internal medicine  
Allergy  
Audio vestibular medicine (*formerly known as audiological medicine*)  
Community sexual health and reproduction  
Diagnostic neuropathology  
Forensic histopathology  
Forensic psychiatry  
Intensive care medicine  
Medical ophthalmology  
Medical psychotherapy (*formerly known as psychotherapy*)  
Old age psychiatry  
Paediatric cardiology  
Paediatric and perinatal pathology  
Palliative medicine  
Pharmaceutical medicine  
Psychiatry of learning disability  
Rehabilitation medicine  
Sport and exercise medicine

[Note: The specialities marked \* above are those listed in Annex V, point 5.1.3 of the Directive which are common to all relevant European States. The remaining specialities are those in which the United Kingdom awards a qualification but which are peculiar to two or more relevant European States.]”.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order substitutes the Schedule to the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Order of Council 2010 (S.I.2010/473). The Schedule lists the specialities recognised by the United Kingdom.

The substituted Schedule—

- (a) adds diagnostic neuropathology, forensic histopathology, paediatric and perinatal pathology, and vascular surgery as recognised specialities;
- (b) in accordance with Council Directive 2005/36 EC(3) it includes an entry for histopathology (which requires a minimum training period of four years);
- (c) specifies a minimum training period of five years for medical oncology;
- (d) specifies a minimum training period of four years for clinical genetics;
- (e) changes the name of the speciality of audiological medicine to audio vestibular medicine;
- (f) changes the name of the speciality of psychotherapy to medical psychotherapy.

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(3) Annex V, point 5.1.3.