

## *Outcomes for graduates supplementary* guidance: legislation

Newly qualified doctors must demonstrate knowledge of the principles of the legal framework in which medicine is practised in the jurisdiction in which they are practising, and have awareness of where further information on relevant legislation can be found.

There is variation in legislation across the four nations of the UK. Newly qualified doctor should make themselves aware of the appropriate legislation in their country of practice.

Specific areas of legislation that we expect newly qualified doctors to be able to understand the fundamental principles of include:

- mental health and capacity, including provisions made for the detention of patients with mental health illnesses and patient and carer involvement in shared decision making
- safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults, including legal requirements to disclose information about individuals who are at risk of, or who have suffered, harm and legal requirements to report female genital mutilation
- data protection and confidentiality
- health and safety legislation about managing radiation
- confirming and completing medical certificates of cause of death cremation authorisation
- referral to the coroner or procurator fiscal
- transportation legislation including fitness to drive and DVLA/DVA notification processes
- fit notes and fitness to work
- notifications of infectious diseases (NOIDs) and reportable causative organisms<sup>\*</sup>.

<sup>\*</sup> [www.gov.uk/guidance/notifiable-diseases-and-causative-organisms-how-to-report](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/notifiable-diseases-and-causative-organisms-how-to-report)