

Portfolio pathway – policy on using UK training evidence

Summary of policy

1. Doctors making an application for specialist or GP registration using the Portfolio pathway who have received an outcome (currently ARCP 4) which means they have been released from or left a UK approved training programme, can use evidence from this previous training, along with other evidence to support their Portfolio pathway application.

Background

2. Requirements for entry onto the Specialist and General Practice registers are set out in the Eligibility and Registration of General Practitioners and Specialist Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Order 2022 and General Medical Council (Applications for General Practice and Specialist Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2022. Both the Order and Regulations sit beneath the Medical Act 1983.
3. Doctors using the Portfolio pathway provide a suite of evidence about their previous training and experience. The legislation sets out that the doctor must demonstrate that they have the knowledge, skills and experience required for practising as an eligible specialist or general practitioner in the UK. The doctor's portfolio of evidence is evaluated and assessed to determine if they have met the required standard. If the evaluation is successful and the doctor's application is granted, they can be entered onto the Specialist Register or GP Register.
4. This policy formalises our position regarding evidence of previous experience held by trainees who have left or been released from a UK approved training programme.

What is the policy?

5. Doctors making an application for specialist or GP registration using the Portfolio pathway who have been released from or left a UK approved training programme with an ARCP outcome 4, can use evidence from this previous training, along with other evidence to support their Portfolio pathway application.
6. The previous training evidence submitted to support a portfolio application must:

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- Enable the applicant to meet the outcomes in the specialty in which they are applying
Address a particular curriculum outcome (for the specialty in which the applicant is applying).
 - Relate to completed years of training which have been reviewed and signed off through an ARCP panel.
 - Meet our currency of evidence policy.
7. Clinical evaluators and decision makers will make a judgement about evidence which has been provided and consider what level of assurance it provides of the doctor's knowledge, skills and experience. If they are not satisfied that it provides sufficient assurance, they will have the discretion to request clarification or further evidence.

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