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➤ Ready for revalidation

Meeting the GMC's requirements for revalidation

If you are a doctor with a licence to practise, you are now legally required to revalidate. This means, usually every five years, we will receive a revalidation recommendation from your responsible officer.

Your first revalidation

You should have received your submission date – we must receive your responsible officer's recommendation about you by this date.

You must meet the requirements set out in our **revalidation guidance** for doctors (we have also published a **summary version**). The requirements include having an annual appraisal based on our core guidance for doctors, *Good medical practice*.

This guidance applies regardless of when your submission date is. If you don't have a prescribed connection and a responsible officer, our guidance still applies to you while you hold a licence to practise. Alternative arrangements for revalidation are available to you – please visit the **revalidation section of our website** for more information.

Information to support your revalidation

You must collect and reflect on all types of supporting information set out in our **supporting information guidance**.

We know that some organisations may have already collected patient and colleague feedback before our guidance was published. For a responsible officer to accept this feedback as part of the evidence for their recommendation, it must have been:

- focused on you, your practice and the quality of care delivered to patients
- collected in a way that promotes objectivity and maintains confidentiality.

Your responsible officer will judge whether these criteria have been met.

You can use team-based information about quality improvement activities, significant events or compliments and complaints, as long as you show in your appraisal that you have reflected on what this information means for your individual practice.

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