

Election of seven members to the GPC

The seventh seat

Members of conference will note that the number of seats elected from conference to the GPC was increased in 2008 from six to seven, following the amendment of standing orders in 2007.

Members of conference wishing to stand for election to the GPC must be a representative of a local medical committee at conference who meets at least one of the following criteria for election:

- (a) a registered (other than provisionally registered) medical practitioner whose exclusive or predominant medical commitment is to providing personally or performing NHS primary medical services for at least two sessions a week for at least six months immediately before election; or
- (b) a medically qualified secretary of a local medical committee; or
- (c) a GP on the doctors retainer scheme.

It should be noted, however, that in addition to the criteria noted above, under conference standing order 74 the **seventh seat** is open only to those LMC representatives at conference who have never before held membership of the GPC in any capacity.

LMC representatives at conference standing for election to the GPC who meet this criteria, should ensure that they additionally sign the box provided on the nomination form AC5, to confirm that they are eligible for this seat.

Priority will be given during the electoral count to eligible representatives if the seventh seat is not naturally elected.