Revalidation for GP trainees currently in a GP Training Programme with Health Education North East (formerly Northern Deanery)

Trainees revalidate every 5 years (the cycle begins at F2), or at CCT.

If a trainee revalidates at CCT, their next revalidation date will be set for 5 years later.

Trainee revalidation dates are set by the GMC. Trainees should receive written confirmation of this date from the GMC. Trainees who aren’t aware of their revalidation date can log into their GMC account online or contact the GMC directly.

Trainees with a revalidation date just after CCT date (example a CCT date on 6 August and a revalidation date on 6 October of the same year) will be revalidated by HENE.

Trainees with a revalidation date that falls in programme will be revalidated by HENE and this will be in line with the policy and process (see links below).

HENE will receive a list of trainees with an upcoming revalidation date directly from the GMC.

Trainees should engage with revalidation by ensuring they submit an enhanced form r when requested as part of the ARCP process (failure to do so may affect CCT and revalidation).

Preparing (at the end of training) for appraisal as a GP

As GP trainees approach CCT they should complete an appraisal form (Medical Appraisal Guide or “MAG” forms are used locally) and prepare for an informal ‘guided appraisal’ with their trainer. This is usually carried out in the final month of the ST3 placement once the final ARCP has been held.

A half day release session on Appraisal and Revalidation is held twice yearly as part of the ST3 programme (the process of preparing for this appraisal and generating a PDP is discussed in depth). All trainees are required to attend this session.

The appraisal with the trainer is NOT a formal appraisal linked to revalidation, and the documents are retained by the trainee and not submitted to HENE. The PDP will be submitted as part of the appraisal documentation for the trainee’s first appraisal when qualified.

A trainee and trainer guide to this educational ST3 appraisal is available on the HENE website (link below).

The policy “Guidance on the date of your first appraisal after leaving GP training (for GPs in the Northern Area)” can be found via the link below.

Please note if the GMC issues a revalidation date between 3-12 months after finishing the training programme it is likely that the area team Responsible Officer will defer revalidation for one year to allow engagement with the appraisal process as a qualified GP. Anyone that this applies to should contact the Area team (link below) to discuss.

Your first appraisal as a qualified GP will depend on your birthday month (link below). Information required for appraisal (and revalidation) for qualified GPs is managed by the Area Teams and not HENE.

Visit www.northerndeanery.nhs.uk (guidance on the date of first appraisal after leaving GP training can be found at the bottom of the webpage).