

## STARTING A CESR APPLICATION: BASIC INFORMATION

The Wessex SAS tutors have developed this sheet to help you in the first stages of considering a CESR application. Tutors are keen to help you where possible, to progress your application.

Once you have started the process formally, a contact takes on the case and either Royal College or PLAB sponsor the application to GMC.

### Getting started

You will need a job description and job plan in place, appraisal evidence and 6 doctors willing to support the application. This process takes time and is costly. Please set time aside to complete it, as once you formally start the process, there are time limits.

### Step 1

#### [GMC Guidance for Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration CESR](#)

If you decide to go down this route to the specialist register, you will need to assess and map how much experience and evidence you have to date, comparing with your College or Faculty curriculum and training requirements. If you are in a non CCT specialty, the advice is to choose guidance for the specialty most similar to yours. You should download Specialty Specific Guidance and read it carefully.

Contact your college **Specialist Application team** if your college offers this service Is there College e-Logbook to help in collecting range of evidence?

Does the college have specific training sessions that have to be completed?

The GMC site has a downloadable **evidence divider pack**, so that you can store your evidence in correct sections from the start.

### Step 2

Are there gaps in experience and training compared with the college requirements?

Are some of the training and experience requirements gained outside the UK?

Is there validated evidence from overseas training, and how does the GMC view that training?

Advice about training completed outside UK is given from the Global Office of GMC.

Any gaps in training, experience and job planning need to be addressed. Please contact your SAS tutor and DME.

An Educational Supervisor would be of help if one is available, but there is no mandatory requirement for one to be provided.

Seek information from the local College Tutor, College Regional Advisor and College SAS Advisor.

If you have training gaps and/or would like to have some information from a doctor who has completed CESR, please contact your SAS tutor.

### **Step 3**

#### **GMC guidance on Evidence**

Collecting evidence retrospectively [last 5 years] and prospectively, and the types of and examples of evidence can be confusing and time consuming.

The GMC require **hard copy, anonymised** evidence and validation with a stamp, signature and date, from a solicitor or the awarding body.

Go through the sections of the **GMC Evidence Divider Pack** systematically

If you need advice on the types of examples and how to present this evidence, contact your college Specialist Application team, or advisor/tutor.