

(Re)certification in pathology - a reality or an illusion: Procedures in the United Kingdom

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 - Domain 1 – Knowledge, Skills and Performance;
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 - Domain 4 – Maintaining Trust

Good Medical Practice

- make the care of your patient your first concern
- be competent and keep your professional knowledge and skills up to date
- take prompt action if you think patient safety is being compromised
- establish and maintain good partnerships with your patients and colleagues
- maintain trust in you and the profession by being open, honest and acting with integrity.

GMP

These principles determine:

- Histopathology training curriculum defines by the Royal College of Pathologists
- Consultant appraisal and revalidation



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**CURRICULUM FOR SPECIALTY
TRAINING IN HISTOPATHOLOGY
2015**

APPENDIX 3: A BRIEF ILLUSTRATIVE TIMETABLE OF HISTOPATHOLOGY TRAINING – IT SHOWS FIRST OPPORTUNITES TO ENTER EACH STAGE ONLY AND WITHOUT A EXTENSION OF TRAINING OPTIONAL MODULES (THIS WILL VARY FROM TRAINEE TO TRAINEE)

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
ST1	Month 1 Begin Stage A. NTN awarded	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8 RCPATH Year 1 Assessment	Month 9	Month 10 RCPATH Year 1 Assessment	Month 11	Month 12 Earliest opportunity to end Stage A
ST2	Month 13 Earliest opportunity to begin Stage B	Month 14 Part 1 FRCPATH opportunity	Month 15	Month 16 Part 1 FRCPATH results	Month 17	Month 18	Month 19	Month 20 Part 1 FRCPATH opportunity	Month 21	Month 22 Part 1 FRCPATH results	Month 23	Month 24 Earliest opportunity to exit Stage B
ST3	Month 25 Earliest opportunity to begin Stage C	Month 26 Part 2 FRCPATH opportunity	Month 27 Part 2 FRCPATH results	Month 28	Month 29	Month 30	Month 31 Part 2 FRCPATH opportunity	Month 32 Part 2 FRCPATH results	Month 33	Month 34	Month 35	Month 36
ST4	Month 37	Month 38	Month 39 Part 2 FRCPATH opportunity	Month 40 Part 2 FRCPATH results	Month 41	Month 42	Month 43	Month 44	Month 45 Part 2 FRCPATH opportunity	Month 46 Part 2 FRCPATH results	Month 47	Month 48 Earliest opportunity to exit Stage C
ST5	Month 49 First opportunity to begin stage D	Month 50	Month 51	Month 52	Month 53	Month 54	Month 55	Month 56	Month 57 First opportunity to exit stage D	Month 58	Month 59	Month 60

Histopathology Training

3 formal assessments (examinations which trainees have to pass):

- Year 1 Histopathology OSPE – end of month 12 (Stage A)
- FRCPath Part 1 examination (written exam) – month 14 or month 20 (Stage B/C)
- FRCPath Part 2 examination (practical exam) – month 39 or month 45 (Stage B/C)

Histopathology Training

Annual monitoring of progression through assessments completed by clinical/educational supervisors:

- case-based discussion (CbD)
- directly observed practical skills (DOPS)
- evaluation of clinical events (ECE)
- multi-source feedback (MSF) (minimum of 3 during training)



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Guidance notes

**Application for the Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration
(CESR) through the Combined Programme (CP) route**

Re-Certification for Consultants

Maintaining licence to practice as consultant pathologist requires all of the following:

- Participation in External Quality Assurance Schemes
- Maintenance of a CPD portfolio
- Annual Appraisal
 - Review of e portfolio of documents for evidence of satisfactory record of all GMP domains
 - Job plan
 - Personal development plan
 - EQA and CPD
- 5-yearly revalidation

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