

## Evidence of Foundation Competences: 2012 Entry to ST programmes

It is a requirement that candidates hold foundation competences or equivalent by the time they enter Specialty Training (i.e. by August 2012 for Round 1 2012 recruitment).

### ST1 Candidates only

In order for you to submit an application for a specialty training programme, you must **either** demonstrate that you are currently undertaking a UK foundation year 2 programme **or** you have achieved foundation year two competency **within the last 3 years (i.e. on or after 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009)** **or** you are currently in active clinical or clinical academic practice or in a CT/FTSTA/LAT/ST post or equivalent where attainment of foundation competences was assessed on appointment.

In order to demonstrate foundation competency you must be able to declare yes to one of the following:

1. Have you completed the 1st year of a UK affiliated Foundation Programme (with a satisfactory training outcome) AND are you currently in the second year of a UK affiliated Foundation Programme which finishes August 2012?  
Or
2. Do you already hold a Foundation Achievement of Competency Document (FACD 5.2) from a UK affiliated Foundation School?  
Or
3. Are you are currently in active clinical or clinical academic practice or in a CT/FTSTA/LAT/ST post or equivalent where attainment of foundation competences was assessed on appointment?

**If you have answered NO to questions 1, 2 and 3 above, you are required to show that your previous experience meets the eligibility criteria for a specialty training programme. Please indicate ONE of the options below that accurately describes your experience.**

- 12 months satisfactory completion of either a pre-registration internship<sup>1</sup> OR FY1 post AND 12 month's full time satisfactory completion in posts approved for the purposes of medical education by the relevant authority.  
Or
- 12 months satisfactory completion of either a pre-registration, internship or FY1 post AND 12 months full time experience at a publicly funded hospital in at least two specialties (see "Table of Specialties for Demonstrating Foundation Competency" for further information)  
Or
- 12 months satisfactory completion of either a pre-registration, internship or FY1 post AND a 12-month full time FY2 post.

You MUST be able to show achievement of foundation competence which includes 12 months pre-registration experience PLUS 12 months post registration experience and standard documentary evidence. Accordingly you will be asked to obtain a declaration from a Clinical Consultant<sup>2</sup> with whom you have worked for a minimum of 3 months (whole time equivalent) since 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 confirming that you achieved foundation competence. If this declaration relates to a post with acute medical specialties you will be required to complete a Form A. If it relates to non-acute you will be required to complete a Form B.

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<sup>1</sup> An internship is a period of pre-graduate or post-graduate clinical experience that provides an acceptance foundation for future practice as a fully registered and licensed medical practitioner. Internships must be either a 12 month programmes that includes a minimum of 3 months in surgery and 3 months in medicine OR a programme of at least 10 months duration that includes a minimum of 3 months in surgery and 3 months in medicine with an additional study period of up to 2 months OR the equivalent of 2 years full time post-qualification at a publicly funded hospital in at least two branches of medicine and surgery.

<sup>2</sup> A Consultant includes GPs, Clinical Directors, Medical Superintendent's, and anyone on the specialist register.