

COVID-19 - education and professional development update

[Education & Professional Development team](#)

As the situation develops with COVID-19, the College has updated its guidance on professional development activities including educational resources and revalidation processes. We also have collated relevant links or updates from other organisations in this section.

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Changes to RCPCH educational activities

As of 18 June 2020, we have cancelled all face-to-face educational courses and events until at least May 2021.

We are hoping to resume a face to face course offering when it is safe to do so and will update this section as soon as any decisions are made about future events.

You can read our [event cancellation policy](#). If you have any questions about an upcoming event, please contact our Events team on events@rcpch.ac.uk.

In the meantime, we're busy developing more online professional development opportunities, releasing dates as they become available. You can view our current online course offering here: [RCPCH courses](#)

Online learning resources remain accessible

We offer a range of free online learning resources - including [eLearning, podcasts](#) and an [archive of past webinars](#).

As of 1 April 2020, HEE has [eLearning materials on COVID-19](#), which are free and open access. Topics include essential guidance from the NHS, Government, WHO and BMJ, use of personal protective equipment, infection prevention and control and resources for staff working in different settings.

Clarity on RCPCH CPD requirements

We acknowledge the impact that COVID-19 will have on doctors' abilities to attend courses and conferences, both in terms of their clinical priorities and the cancellation of many courses and events. Our CPD scheme guidelines, which mirror GMC (General Medical Council) CPD requirements, do **not** require doctors to complete a set number of CPD credits/hours per year or in a five-year period.

We have retained a recommendation for those doctors who wish to follow a credits approach, but [it is a guideline, not a requirement](#). Therefore, doctors should not be concerned about being unable to attend courses, conferences, etc. over the coming months.

Our guidance already indicates that [any shortfall in CPD due to extenuating circumstances](#) in a year can be made up in subsequent years within a revalidation cycle. Doctors will continue to learn 'on the job' and reflect on their learning during these unprecedented times.

GMC update on revalidation date postponements

The General Medical Council has updated its guidance relating to revalidation for those doctors originally due to revalidate before end September 2020. You can read further information here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – update on revalidation for doctors](#)

Appraisal and revalidation

The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges have produced generic [FAQs for appraisal and revalidation](#) during COVID-19.

Related links

[NHS staff support line](#)

[GMC frequently asked questions on coronavirus](#)

[BMA guidance for retired doctors returning to work](#)

[BMA terms and conditions guidance](#)

[GMC regulating during COVID-19 pandemic guidance](#)

[NHS England and Improvement guidance for retired doctors returning](#)

[RCPCH members - your wellbeing during COVID-19](#)

For sub-specialties

[BAPM webinars](#) - contact BAPM via your NHS email for access if not a BAPM member

[BACCH guidance for retired doctors returning to community child health](#)

[PICM guidance on flexible working](#)