

# Guidance for Trainees and Trainers on Cataract Surgery competences and their assessment



**Please note: these are not new curriculum requirements. This guidance is meant to clarify how the existing requirements of Learning Outcome SS4 should be assessed.**

**All of the parts of the Learning Outcome must be fulfilled for the award of CCT / CESR (CP).**

Competencies	Assessment
Undertake increasingly complex cataract cases (spiral learning) – e.g. small pupil requiring pupil expansion ring, patient on alpha blocker, opaque lens with no fundal view, age over 90, post AACC cataract eyes, axial lengths <21.5 or >26, commensurate to the stage of training	It is expected complex cataract case mix commensurate to stage of training will be demonstrated via the following assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous audit of cataract surgery and complications</li> <li>• Annual CSR and ESR</li> <li>• OSATS and EPA demonstrating increasing complexity of cataract cases</li> <li>• Logged and reflected supervised simulation</li> </ul>
Undertake and manage entire cataract lists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual CSR and ESR</li> <li>• EPA demonstrating managing cataract list</li> </ul>
Ability to undertake personal surgical audit	The primary assessment here is completeness of data reflecting GPC skills and probity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50 case consecutive cataract audit within 3 calendar years of CCT /CESR (CP)</li> <li>• Continuous audit of cataract surgery and complications</li> </ul>
Demonstrate currency of cataract surgical skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous audit of cataract surgery and complications</li> <li>• OSATS showing increasing complexity of cataract case commensurate to stage of training</li> <li>• Demonstrated skills in supervised simulation</li> <li>• Annual CSR and ESR</li> </ul>
Demonstrate competency in the management of intraoperative complications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual CSR and ESR</li> <li>• Demonstrated skills in supervised simulation</li> <li>• FRCOphth Part 2 examination</li> <li>• PDP evidence of discussion and analysis or reflection where appropriate with education and clinical supervisor</li> </ul>
Manage post-operative cataract patients including communication – e.g. duty of candour in sharing complications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual CSR and ESR</li> <li>• FRCOphth Part 2 examination</li> <li>• EPA, WpBAs</li> </ul>

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Acceptable surgical outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50 case consecutive cataract audit within 3 calendar years of CCT / CESR(CP)</li> <li>• Continuous audit of cataract surgery and complications</li> </ul>
Demonstrate ability to supervise juniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20SJ cases in logbook, which may include supervision of simulated surgery</li> </ul>