

New Assessors wanted for CESR applications

We are recruiting more consultants to assess applicants who wish to have their name entered on to the Specialist Register through the equivalence route.

This involves reviewing applications from doctors both from the UK and abroad to determine whether their training and subsequent experience is equivalent to that of a recently successful CCT candidate. The RCOphth panel then make a recommendation to the GMC regarding the suitability of an applicant being placed on the Specialist Register.

This important role has a number of benefits for the assessors and also for the profession.

Why is the role important?

- You are directly involved in ensuring that high professional standards within our specialty are maintained
- It is both stimulating and rewarding work that provides an opportunity to utilise your skills and knowledge acquired in training and education roles
- Strengthens your CV

Who can apply?

- Substantive NHS Consultants in the UK of at least 1 years' standing who have recently been involved in the training process
- Must be a current member of RCOphth and registered for CPD

What support does RCOphth provide for new assessors?

- Training in the assessment process will be given with a graded involvement in performing the assessment; that is, consultants will start as an observer, then become a non-lead assessor and finally, when sufficient experience has been gained, take on the responsibility of a lead assessor

What is the workload?

- This depends on how many active and trained assessors we have and the number of applications we receive. We would expect assessors to undertake no more than two to three evaluations per year.
- Assessors would be placed on a rota and the next two on the list will be notified when they are required to undertake an assessment. The expectation is that assessors will undertake the assessment. However, we will of course work with people where there are unavoidable extenuating circumstances which the College has been notified in advance (such as upcoming pre-booked holidays, or unavoidable significant work commitments).
- An evidence bundle is typically between 1000 -1800 pages and assessors are given 4 weeks to complete their work, usually with as much notice as possible when they can expect to receive the bundle (this is dependent on info provided by the GMC)
- College staff now write up the evaluation so this makes it easier for you to check and go through the evaluation.

Want to apply?

Read the [Job description and person specification](#), [guidance document](#) and complete the [application form](#), attaching an abridged CV to equivalence@rcophth.ac.uk

Applications will be considered within four weeks of receipt.

Notable dates

Notable dates Training Days for 2020 – Due to the current COVID-19 situation it is hoped that a training day will be organised in the Autumn of 2020.

If you have any questions about the role or wish to discuss this in further detail, then please contact Alex Tytko alex.tytko@rcophth.ac.uk or 0203 770 5338