

STATEMENT FOR CESR CANDIDATES ABOUT THE NEW CURRICULUM

This statement has been developed to assist current CESR applicants and those who are considering their application in light of the introduction of the new curriculum (Curriculum 2024). The statement has been reviewed and approved by the GMC.

The key points are:

- the new curriculum will be approved on 1 June 2024. The full implementation date remains as 1 August 2024.
- the cut-off date for CESR applications against the old curriculum is the same as for CCT trainees (31 July 2026).
- the new Specialty-Specific Guidance for Curriculum 2024 will be ready by 1 June 2024.

SCENARIO 1: For applicants who have an application in progress with GMC online collecting evidence to support a CESR application against the 2010 curriculum until 31 May 2024

These applicants can continue with their application and submit within the 12-month timeframe permitted for completing the application and submitting it to the GMC. If these applicants want to apply against the new curriculum they will need to withdraw their current application and re-apply to align their evidence against the new curriculum. Applications against the 2010 curriculum must be submitted to the GMC by 31 July 2026.

SCENARIO 2: For applicants who start an application with GMC online between 1 June 2024 and 31 July 2026

These applicants have a choice of using the 2010 or the 2024 curriculum. These must be submitted within the 12-month timeframe permitted for completing and submitting the application to the GMC and latest by 31 July 2026. Applications completed and submitted after 31 July 2026 will NOT be considered against the old curriculum even if they were started in the above time-frame.

SCENARIO 3: For applicants who start an application with GMC online on or after 1 August 2026

These applicants can only use the 2024 curriculum. Applications must be submitted within the 12-month timeframe permitted for completing the application and submitting it to the GMC.

CESR applicants are advised to let the RCOphth know about their intentions for submission by contacting equivalence@rcophth.ac.uk