



Guidance notes for ATC

Guidance is given from the AoMRC 2016 document.

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The ATCF applies only to those moving between periods of approved training. It is aimed at the early years of training (ACCS) and not the higher EM training programme. Those using the ATCF may have gained some competency during a previous and different training programme that can be used to reflect training competency attainment in the ACCS programme.

ATC does not change the requirement that satisfactory completion of training requires that a doctor has completed **all** elements of the GMC approved curriculum for CCT in the ACCS, and EM higher specialty training programme thereafter.

Eligibility

- ATCF will be available only to doctors who have successfully completed at least one year (or whole time equivalent) in their original speciality training post or GP post, obtaining Annual Review of Competence Progression 1 (ARCP1 or 7.1)
- ATCF may apply to competences achieved during Locum Appointment for Training (LAT) and Fixed Term Specialty Training Appointment (FTSTA) posts provided recruitment, selection, training and the ARCP process meets the requirements of the GMC approved CCT programme. Elements for accreditation from LAT or FTSTA posts should come from only one training programme (accreditation may not be accumulated by gaining competences related to two or three or more different training programmes)
- ATCF will not apply to competences achieved in Locum Appointments for Service (LAS).
- ATCF will only apply to training acquired within a maximum period of **five years** leading up to application for ATC
- This process has included four country involvement and any scheme will be appropriate for the four nations of the UK.
- ATCF is expected to allow accreditation equivalent to a training period of **one year**.

Restrictions

- ATC should be prospectively approved
- A doctor may apply for ATC once
- ATC will be allowed after successful competitive entry into ACCS
- Components of ATC should be agreed and confirmed within 3 months of entry into the new speciality. This must be checked and signed off by the local training programme Head of School or ACCS TPD. This will allow in programme reference and validation of such competency to be accredited against in programme progress. It will also identify areas requiring development that will inform the first ACCS ARCP.
- The ATCF is subject to review at the first Annual Review of Competence Progression (ARCP) in the ACCS training programme. This must include all relevant progress data normally evaluated at ARCP, plus re-confirmation of satisfactory ARCP in original speciality bringing together in-service assessment, workplace based assessment, the trainer's report(s). The trainee may be asked to provide additional information or evidence relating to elements where accreditation is sought for ACCS.
- If the trainee's progress in ACCS does not meet the expected level of their peer group, or if there is no validated evidence to support ATC then formal review by TPD / Head of School is required with the trainee, preferably before the first ACCS ARCP.
- Examinations required by the ACCS curriculum must be completed successfully. It is important to ensure that the trainee invoking ATC is eligible for examinations in the ACCS curriculum and has the expected time needed to pass the required examinations.

Level of entry

- Entry into ACCS year 1 with reduction in the total time required in training (see table).
- Depending on ATC, entry can occur to ACCS year 2 (see table).
- ATC confirms accreditation for areas of training that will not need to be repeated in ACCS.

EM ATC table

1 st CCT Programme	Transferring to:	Completed component	Expected counted time	Maximum counted time
ACCS [Anaesthetics] [GIM] [ICM]	ACCS [EM]	Anaesthetics, GIM, ICM, EM	Time taken for each completed component	24 months
Core Anaesthetics	ACCS EM	Introduction to Anaesthesia	6 months	6 months
Core Anaesthetics	ACCS EM	ICM	3-6 months	3-6 months
CMT	ACCS EM	Medicine	6 months	6 months
CMT	ACCS EM	ICM	3-6 months	3-6 months
CST	ACCS EM	ICM	3 months	3 months
GP	ACCS EM	EM, AM	Time taken for each completed component up to a maximum of 4 months each	8 months

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