

REVALIDATION GUIDE

Revalidation is the General Medical Council's way of regulating licensed doctors to assure patients and the public that licenced doctors are up to date and fit to practice.

Foundation Year 1



All F1 doctors in training must hold a [provisional licence to practice](#) to take part in an approved Foundation Year 1 (F1) Programme in the UK. However, F1 doctors are not subject to Revalidation.

The following [GMC tool](#) will help you identify the correct application and will give you guidance on the steps you need to take.

Foundation Year 2

Before you start your second year of the Foundation Programme (F2), you must [apply for full GMC registration](#) with a licence to practice with the GMC.

To make your application, please visit the applications section of the [GMC's website](#) and follow the steps that are relevant to you.



Revalidation FAQs

A full list of Revalidation FAQs can be found on the [NIMDTA website](#).

Managing your Connection

It is your responsibility as a doctor in training to manage your connection for the purposes of Revalidation. The GMC have provided an [online tool](#) to help you work out your appropriate connection.



When should I connect to my Designated Body?

Your connection to your designated body (e.g. NIMDTA) should take place on the first day of your training programme (e.g. first Wednesday in August). You should then remain connected until your last day of training.



When should I disconnect from my Designated Body?

Once a doctor leaves training in NI, they lose their connection to NIMDTA as their revalidation organisation. The doctor will receive a letter from the GMC advising them that they need to update the GMC on their revalidation position. This may be completed via [GMC Online](#).

Licensed to Practice

Every licensed doctor who practices medicine must revalidate. Revalidation supports you to develop your practice, drives improvements in clinical governance and gives your patients confidence that you're up to date.



If you are not in training

You can hold provisional registration for a maximum of three years and 30 days.

If you are not in training or want to take a break, you should give up your provisional registration.