



PROSPECTIVE APPROVAL OF OUT OF PROGRAMME TRAINING/RESEARCH (OOPT/OOPR)

Off-rotation training (ORT) now is called Out of Programme Training (OOPT) or Out of Programme Research (OOPR) and *prospective* approval must be sought from PMETB if this time is to count towards CCT training. Failure to get PMETB approval will mean that the OOPT/R time and competences will not be credited towards a CCT by PMETB thus delaying the award of a CCT. This policy was introduced retrospectively by PMETB in February 2007.

The College would now like to bring in a national procedure for dealing with future OOPT/R requests. The procedure will apply to:

- training and research outside the UK;
- research in the UK outside the parameters of what is already allowed in the CCT programme; and
- training in the UK in a post that is not approved for training by PMETB e.g. a clinical fellowship in cardiac anaesthesia (we believe that this will apply even if the post is in the trainee's own hospital).

PMETB's policy does not apply if a trainee moves to a PMETB approved post in another Deanery (what the College has always called secondment between School of Anaesthesia).

Procedure

The procedure will have 6 stages:

1. Trainee gets provisional approval from the Deanery Training Programme Director (TPD).
2. Trainee gets approval from the RA(s) (anaesthesia/ICM or both) that the OOPT/R will form part of a balanced training programme that can be signed off towards a CCT.
3. Trainee submits to the College the attached form and sufficient evidence to satisfy PMETB that the training will meet their criteria.
4. The College makes a recommendation based on its knowledge of overseas training regimes and returns the application to the Deanery TPD.
5. The Deanery, if it supports the request, writes to PMETB requesting prospective approval for the OOPT/R.
6. PMETB makes its decision and informs the Deanery, the trainee and the College.

Defence Medical Services (DMS)

Trainees deployed with the DMS on military operations (not exercises) will be subject to different procedures agreed between the College and the Defence Postgraduate Medical Dean.

Guidance

PMETB requires that any trainee who takes up an OOPT/R post overseas as part of their UK training programme must get a statement from the competent authority in the country where the training will take place detailing the purpose and structure of the post.

The College is busy collecting guidance from the most popular countries for OOPT/R as to how a trainee can obtain evidence to satisfy PMETB. Information gathered so far (to the best of our knowledge) is as follows:-

Australia and New Zealand

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthesia
<http://www.anzca.edu.au>

Singapore

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthesia
<http://www.anzca.edu.au>

Malaysia

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthesia
<http://www.anzca.edu.au>

South Africa The College of Anaesthetists within the CMSA can give details of regulations covering training in South Africa but it is the relevant University which would be the competent authority for the purpose of OOPT/R approval.

http://www.collegemedsa.ac.za/view_college.asp?Type=Form

USA

Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
<http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/home/home.asp>

Canada

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada accredit all residency programmes. The relevant competent authority to give a statement can be obtained from the relevant university. Details of the individual universities in Canada can be found on the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada website.

http://rcpsc.medical.org/residency/accreditation/arps/anesthesia_e.php

Hong Kong <http://www.hkca.edu.hk/>

The problem areas will be:

- trainees who want to go to developing countries or non-governmental organisations without clearly defined and assessed training programmes; and

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- On their return to the UK all trainees will be required to submit a report of their training experience supported by a satisfactory assessment report from their designated supervisor.
- Trainees must plan for the final six months of their training to be undertaken in the UK. Only in exceptional circumstances would this period be reduced to a minimum of three months.

D. ICM Regional Advisor's approval (if required)

This application has been discussed with me and I am satisfied that it forms part of a balanced training programme in ICM and conforms to the standards of the IBTICM.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Position:

E. Details of OOPT/R post (to be completed by the applicant)

Post for which approval is sought:																			
From	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y	To	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y	Duration (in months)	
Is the post full time?	Yes	No	If the post is part-time what is the %?														%		
Hospital name & address																			
Head of Department																			
Designated local supervisor																			
telephone																			
e mail																			
Check list: I enclose the following information to support my application																			
1. For all applications																		Tick	
The objectives of the training, mapped against the appropriate units of <i>The CCT in Anaesthesia</i> OR																			
Details of the research project.																			
2. For training outside the UK																			
A statement from the competent authority ¹ in the country concerned e.g Training Board, College or Faculty giving:																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the post, • confirmation that the hospital is approved for training and • the supervision arrangements.² 																			
3. For training in the UK																			
A statement from the hospital/university department confirming that the post will be covered by the same arrangements for study leave and supervision that apply to trainees in PMETB approved posts.																			
I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the above information is correct.																			
Signed:										Date									
Name:																			
Now send the completed application to the RCoA Training Department Royal College of Anaesthetists Churchill House 35 Red Lion Square London WC1R 4SG																			

¹ Details of competent authorities, where known, can be obtained from the RCoA's Training Department

² For training in countries with no clear competent authority or with a non-governmental organisation, applicants are strongly advised to seek the advice of the RCoA's Training Department before committing themselves to anything.

F. RCoA approval

The OOPT/R described in this application is in accordance with requirements of the programme for a CCT in anaesthesia and has the support of the RCoA. For further supporting comments see below.

Signed:

RCoA stamp

Name:

Date:

G. IBTICM approval (if required)

The OOPT/R described in this application conforms to the standards of the IBTICM and its support. For further supporting comments see below.

Signed:

IBTICM stamp

Name:

Date:

H. Further comments by the RCoA or IBTICM

RCoA

Signed:

RCoA stamp

Name:

Date:

IBTICM

Signed:

IBTICM stamp

Name:

Date: