
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**HEALTH CARE AND
ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS**

DOCTORS

**The Postgraduate Medical Education and
Training (Amendment) Order of Council 2012**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>7th February 2012</i>
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Their Lordships make the following Order in exercise of powers conferred by section 34D(3) of the Medical Act 1983⁽¹⁾.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training (Amendment) Order of Council 2012 and comes into force on 16th March 2012.

Amendment

2. For the Schedule to the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Order of Council 2010⁽²⁾(recognised specialties within the United Kingdom), substitute—

“SCHEDULE

Article 11

Recognised Specialties within the United Kingdom

PART 1

Specialties requiring a minimum training period of five years
Cardio-thoracic surgery (*also known as thoracic surgery*)

(1) 1983 c. 54. Section 34D was inserted by 2010/234, article 4 and Schedule 1, paragraph 10.
(2) [S.I. 2010/473](#).

Emergency medicine (*also known as accident and emergency medicine*)
General (internal) medicine* (*formerly known as general medicine*)
General surgery*
Medical oncology
Neurosurgery* (*also known as neurological surgery*)
Paediatric surgery
Plastic surgery*
Trauma and orthopaedic surgery* (*also known as orthopaedics, and formerly as orthopaedic surgery*)
Urology*
Vascular surgery

PART 2

Specialties requiring a minimum training period of four years

Cardiology (*formerly known as cardio-vascular disease*)
Chemical pathology (*also known as biological chemistry and as clinical biochemistry*)
Child and adolescent psychiatry (*also known as child psychiatry*)
Clinical genetics
Clinical neurophysiology
Clinical oncology (*also known as radiotherapy*)
Clinical pharmacology and therapeutics (*also known as pharmacology*)
Clinical radiology* (*also known as diagnostic radiology and formerly known as radiology*)
Dermatology
Gastro-enterology
General psychiatry* (*also known as psychiatry, as general adult psychiatry, and as mental illness*)
Genito-urinary medicine (*also known as venerology*)
Geriatric medicine (*formerly known as geriatrics*)
Histopathology
Immunology (*also known as immunopathology*)
Infectious diseases (*also known as communicable diseases*)
Medical microbiology (*also known as microbiology and bacteriology*)
Medical virology
Neurology*
Nuclear medicine
Obstetrics and gynaecology*
Occupational medicine
Oral and maxillo-facial surgery (*also known as dental, oral and maxillo-facial surgery (basic medical and dental training)*)
Paediatrics*

Public health medicine (*also known as community medicine*)
Renal medicine (*also known as renal disease, and formerly known as nephrology*)
Respiratory medicine* (*also known as thoracic medicine*)
Rheumatology
Tropical medicine

PART 3

Specialties requiring a minimum training period of three years

Anaesthetics*
Endocrinology and diabetes mellitus (*also known as endocrinology*)
Haematology (*also known as general haematology*)
Ophthalmology*
Otolaryngology* (*also known as otorhinolaryngology, and as ENT surgery*)

PART 4

Specialties with no minimum training period

Acute internal medicine
Allergy
Audio vestibular medicine (*formerly known as audiological medicine*)
Community sexual and reproductive health
Diagnostic neuropathology
Forensic histopathology
Forensic psychiatry
Intensive care medicine
Medical ophthalmology
Medical psychotherapy (*formerly known as psychotherapy*)
Old age psychiatry
Paediatric cardiology
Paediatric and perinatal pathology
Palliative medicine
Pharmaceutical medicine
Psychiatry of learning disability
Rehabilitation medicine
Sport and exercise medicine

[Note: The specialties marked * above are those listed in Annex V, point 5.1.3 of the Directive which are common to all relevant European States. The remaining specialties are those in which the United Kingdom awards a qualification but which are peculiar to two or more relevant European States.]”.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order substitutes the Schedule to the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Order of Council 2010 (S.I.2010/473). The Schedule lists the specialties recognised by the United Kingdom.

The substituted Schedule—

- (a) adds diagnostic neuropathology, forensic histopathology, paediatric and perinatal pathology, and vascular surgery as recognised specialties;
- (b) in accordance with Council Directive 2005/36 EC(3) it includes an entry for histopathology (which requires a minimum training period of four years);
- (c) specifies a minimum training period of five years for medical oncology;
- (d) specifies a minimum training period of four years for clinical genetics;
- (e) changes the name of the specialty of audiological medicine to audio vestibular medicine;
- (f) changes the name of the specialty of psychotherapy to medical psychotherapy.

(3) Annex V, point 5.1.3.