

The College

Process of assessing eligibility for inclusion on College's sealed list of doctors eligible for registration of completion of specialist training (TPsych)

Council has agreed the following criteria for inclusion on the sealed list:

"Psychiatrists who are at present, or who have been, Consultants in the NHS, Honorary Consultants, and Senior Registrars who have completed four years of approved higher training. The College does not consider individuals in the Associate Specialist or Staff Grades to be eligible for 'Trained' status unless they have fulfilled the training requirements in full".

The College sent its first sealed list to the General Medical Council in December 1990. All Consultant Psychiatrists and Honorary Consultant Psychiatrists whose names were on the Department of Health's nominal rolls of consultants eligible for merit awards, were included on this first list.

The College will send additional sealed lists to the GMC on a quarterly basis.

The attached flow chart shows the process of assessing eligibility. The following points should be noted:

- (1) *Registration of TPsych with GMC*
It is the responsibility of individual practitioners – whether or not members of the College – to apply direct to the General Medical Council for registration as 'trained' (TPsych). Practitioners should note that inclusion in the College's sealed list does not in itself ensure such registration. The list is derived from the College's records which depend on receipt of accurate and up to date information concerning each practitioner. While the College will endeavour to supply an accurate listing of doctors eligible, the College accepts **no liability express or implied whether arising in contract, negligence or otherwise for any loss or damage arising out of or in connection with the omission or inclusion of any name from or in the lists provided to the GMC.**
- (2) *Fellows*
Fellows were not included on the first list by virtue of their Fellowship because the majority were included because of their Consultant status. All Fellows, including Overseas Fellows, will be eligible for inclusion on the list because their curricula vitarum will

have already been carefully scrutinised by the Fellowship Sub-Committee and their eligibility for the Fellowship supported by two senior Fellows of the College.

- (3) *Senior Registrars*
When requests to be included on the specialist register are received by the College they will be forwarded to the JCHPT for assessment **only if the applicant has not been appointed to a consultant post.** Their eligibility for inclusion on the register will therefore rest solely on fulfilling the criteria of having spent four years in an approved higher training post (or three years if they completed training before September 1986).

On receipt of documentation from the College, the JCHPT Secretariat will obtain the following information from the Scheme Organiser:

- (i) confirmation that the applicant held a substantive approved higher training post
- (ii) the dates between which this post was held.

When the necessary documentation has been received the JCHPT Secretariat will:

- (i) inform the College that the applicant has spent four years in a substantive senior registrar post in an approved scheme (or three years if they have completed higher training before September 1986)
- (ii) inform the College that the applicant does not meet the criteria, or
- (iii) place the matter before the relevant SAC.

Part-time training does not need to be strictly pro-rated, but should be in accordance with the joint statement between the College and the JCHPT published in the *Bulletin* in April 1980. The SAC will pass on their recommendation to the JCHPT who will forward its decisions on individuals to the Registrar for inclusion in the College's sealed list.

(4) *Consultant Psychiatrists – (Substantive NHS appointments)*

Newly appointed Consultants are not automatically included on the list, but must send the Registrar a letter confirming Consultant status from a senior member of their Health Authority.

(5) *Overseas doctors*

The same criteria apply and doctors are asked to send evidence that they have been employed as a Consultant in the NHS by sending a copy of their letter of appointment, or that they have completed four years of approved higher training in the UK or the Republic of Ireland (or three years if before September 1986) by sending confirmation of training from their scheme organiser.

The College's sealed list is only concerned with specialist training in the UK and consideration cannot be given to determining equivalence of training abroad. An individual who is not able to claim 'Trained status' with the GMC is not thereby rendered

ineligible to apply for consultant posts in the UK and this is made clear to individuals by the Registrar.

Where the assessment of approved Senior Registrar training is an issue all the cases will be referred to the JCHPT. In other cases the decision will be made by the College.

(6) *Private practice*

The same criteria will apply and doctors are asked to send evidence that they have been employed as a Consultant in the NHS by sending a copy of their letter of appointment or that they have completed four years of approved higher training in the UK or the Republic of Ireland (or three years if before September 1986) by sending confirmation of training from their scheme organiser. Senior Registrar training will be assessed by the JCHPT.

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