

Histopathology

Assessment requirements for ST1

Workplace based assessment

Workplace based assessment	Minimum number of satisfactory workplace-based assessment required
Case-based Discussion	6 (3 directed)
Direct Observation of Practical Skills	6 (6 directed)
Evaluation of Clinical Events	6 (3 directed)

Information about the directed workplace-based assessments can be found in [Appendix 6 of the 2015 histopathology curriculum](#).

Further information about workplace-based assessments are available on the [College website](#).

Multi-source feedback (MSF)

A multi-source feedback exercise must be undertaken during ST1(3) after at least 7 months of training. The MSF will be centrally co-ordinated by the College and the Assessment Department will contact you with further details when the MSF is due to begin.

Further information is available on the [College website](#).

The Stage A Exam

The Stage A Exam is an objective structured practical examination. There will be two opportunities to attempt the Stage A exam during the year. A pass in the Year 1 Stage A Exam is required in order to be able to progress to the next year and stage of training. Trainees must ensure that they apply for the examination by the appropriate closing date.

Further information is available on the [College website](#).

Annual Review of Competence Progression (ARCP)

The ARCP is a deanery-led process that should take place towards the end of the trainee's year of training. The outcome of the ARCP determines the trainee's progress through training. Trainees should ensure that they record all of their training and assessment activities using the LEPT system in preparation for their ARCP.

To enable progression at ARCP trainees must provide evidence of:

- 6 satisfactory outcomes for each workplace-based assessment tool (with directed workplace-based assessments as detailed above)
- A satisfactory outcome in the MSF assessment
- A pass in the Stage A Exam



Trainees Programme Directors may also complete a decision aid, which is design to help ensure a consistent approach to the Chemical Pathology ARCP process across Training Programmes and should be completed at the time of the ARCP. The decision aids are available on the [College website](#).

All trainees should ensure that they have a mid year or mid placement review (MYR/MPR). The MYR/MPR should ensure that the trainee is on course to complete the curriculum and assessment requirements of the year.

N.B. This information is based on full-time trainees progressing at the expected rate. Trainees who are part-time etc. can consult the College separately for specific guidance should they require it.