

## Histopathology

### Assessment and examination requirements for ST3

#### Workplace based assessment

Workplace based assessment	Minimum number of satisfactory workplace-based assessment required (2010 curriculum)
Case-based Discussion	If in Stage B: 6 (4 directed) If in Stage C: 6 for Stage C (4 directed)
Direct Observation of Practical Skills	If in Stage B: 6 for Stage B (4 directed) If in Stage C: 6 for Stage C (4 directed)
Evaluation of Clinical Events	If in Stage B: 6 (4 directed) If in Stage C: 6 for Stage C (4 directed)

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

Further information about workplace-based assessments is available at: [Workplace-based assessment](#).

#### Multi-source feedback (MSF)

A multi-source feedback exercise must be undertaken during ST3. Trainees must self-initiate their MSF assessments on the Learning Environment for Pathology Trainees (LEPT) system. Further information on the process is available at: [Year 3/5 specialty trainees \(Stages B-C/D\)](#).

**Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists (FRCPath) examination**  
[Examination regulations and guidelines](#) are available on the College website.

It is expected that trainees will normally have passed the FRCPath Part 1 examination by the end of Stage B of training. Trainees who have not passed the FRCPath Part 1 examination by the end of Stage B will be prevented from progressing to Stage C of training. This may result in an extension to training through the ARCP process.

#### 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 for the stage of training (with directed workplace-based assessments as detailed above)
- A satisfactory outcome in the MSF



- A pass in the FRCPath Part 1 examination if the trainee is exiting Stage B after a minimum of 18 months

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.