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Learning Environment for Pathology Trainees (LEPT System)

Guidance notes and application form for CESR Doctors



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Guidance notes on how CESR doctors can access The LEPT system

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1. Who are CESR doctors?

Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR) doctors are medically qualified individuals who wish to apply for consultant jobs but have not followed a specialty training programme in the United Kingdom (UK) and therefore have not achieved a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) awarded by the General Medical Council (GMC). These doctors are those who are applying for a specialist qualification via the CESR route and will be assessed against the standard of the relevant CCT curriculum in their specialty. Upon completion, the CESR doctors' names will be entered onto the Specialist Register through this specialty equivalence route.

2. What is the LEPT system?

The Learning Environment for Pathology Trainees (LEPT) system is an ePortfolio which is designed to capture trainees' progress during training. It records workplace-based assessments including multi-source feedback (MSF) and a functionality to support the Annual Review of Competence Progression (ARCP) process. The ePortfolio also provides the Educational Supervisor Structured Report (ESSR) which gives a snapshot of a year's training which is used to inform the ARCP. Further information about the LEPT system and instructions on how to use it is available on the College website at [LEPT system](#).

3. Who is the LEPT system for?

The LEPT system is principally for registered medical trainees in the following CCT specialties:

- Chemical pathology (including metabolic medicine)
- Diagnostic neuropathology
- Forensic histopathology
- Histopathology (including cytopathology)
- Paediatric and perinatal pathology

Since Autumn 2019, the LEPT system became available for use by CESR doctors in the above specialties who wish to make direct applications to the Specialist Register on the basis of training, qualifications and experience undertaken anywhere in the world.

The LEPT system is also in use for trainees training in oral maxillofacial pathology.

4. What does the process for applying for a CCT specialist qualification via the CESR route entail?

The process involves submitting a range of evidence to the GMC to demonstrate the equivalent knowledge, skills and experience. Some of these competencies can be demonstrated by capturing information via an ePortfolio.

Doctors applying via the CESR route must have knowledge, skills and experience in a specialty that is approved for the award of a CCT specialty gained outside of an GMC approved training programme. To be eligible to apply you must have either a specialist medical qualification or at least six months continuous specialty training in the specialty



you are applying for. The specialist medical qualification or specialist training can be obtained in any country.

5. How do I apply for the CESR route?

Doctors will need to apply to the [GMC](#), who will then send the applications to The Royal College of Pathologists (RCPATH) for evaluation.

Some CESR information is available on the College website at [Specialist Registration](#).

6. How will the LEPT system help the assessment of my CESR application?

The LEPT system will support applications to be assessed for the CESR route as it contains elements of the curriculum. It:

- collects and stores evidence such as workplace-based assessments which are aligned with the specialty curriculum
- gives access to the completion of MSF assessments
- generates an ESSR which summarises a trainee's progress in specialty training.

7. Unsuccessful CESR applications

For unsuccessful CESR applications, the GMC will provide a list of recommendations which may also state the missing evidence or the top-up training that is required. The LEPT system can also be used to record training following GMC's recommendations.

8. How do I gain access to the LEPT system?

Please print and complete the application form which is at the end of this document and return it to the email address below.

The College database will be updated with the necessary information and will sync to the LEPT system.

9. Why do I need an Educational Supervisor/Mentor?

The support of an educational supervisor/mentor is important in assisting CESR doctors in reviewing progress during the training. An educational supervisor/mentor has to be selected in the LEPT system before the ePortfolio can be used. It is a mandatory requirement. It is the CESR doctor's responsibility to ensure they have a designated educational supervisor/mentor and that the person have agreed to the role of reviewing the content of the CESR doctor's ePortfolio via the LEPT system. The educational supervisor's/mentor's consent must also be given on the application form.

10. I have had previous access to the LEPT system. Do I still need to complete the application form?

Yes, this is because some of the details may have changed and we must keep the records up to date for optimum ePortfolio experience.



11. How much does it cost to access the LEPT system?

The fee is £196 for one years' LEPT access, from the date payment is received.

12. How should the payment be made?

Card payment must be made via the College website. Following the receipt of the application form, an email notification, within two weeks, will be sent to advise that the College website is open for the card payment to be made.

13. How will I know that I have been given LEPT access?

LEPT access will begin from the receipt date of payment and an email notification will be sent to advise accordingly.

14. Can I re-apply to access the LEPT system for a further year?

Yes, a new application form and fee must be submitted towards the end of the year in which LEPT access is nearing an end.

15. Who should I contact regarding further LEPT queries?

Please address LEPT system queries to:

Sandra Dewar-Creighton
Assessment Manager
Assessment Department

Tel: 020 7451 6765 (direct line)

Email: sandra.dewar-creighton@rcpath.org

NB Please note that trainees already accepted for the International Trainee Support Scheme (ITSS) and the Medical Training Initiative (MTI) are not included in the CESR doctor category. Please contact international@rcpath.org for further information.





CESR Doctors

Application form to access the LEPT System

Prior to completing this application form, please first read the guidance notes above on how Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR) doctors can access the LEPT system.

Title:		Surname:	
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Forename(s):	
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I will be undertaking pathology training:	<input type="checkbox"/> In the UK	<input type="checkbox"/> Overseas
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Home address including postcode or ZIP code:	
	Is this your correspondence address? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Daytime telephone number – home/work/mobile (please delete as applicable):	
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Email address (in block capitals):	
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Workplace address including department, postcode or ZIP code:	
	Is this your correspondence address? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Please select your specialty:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Chemical pathology (including metabolic medicine)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Histopathology (including cytopathology)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forensic histopathology

<input type="checkbox"/>	Diagnostic neuropathology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Paediatric and perinatal pathology



This declaration is for the completion of the designated Educational Supervisor/Mentor.

(Please tick each box below and sign and date the application form).

- I am the designated educational supervisor/mentor for the above CESR doctor and I agree to use the LEPT system to review progress during his/her training.
- I agree to have the following information/data processed by The Royal College of Pathologists.

Full name of educational supervisor/mentor:	
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GMC number: (applicable in the UK)		Email address:	
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Workplace address – including department and ZIP code: (applicable to those outside the UK)	
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Signature of educational supervisor/mentor:		Date:	
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This declaration is for the completion of the CESR doctor who is seeking access to the LEPT system.

(Please tick as applicable and sign and date the application form).

- I agree to have my information/data processed by the Royal College of Pathologists.
- I understand that access to the LEPT system will be granted for a year from the receipt date of my payment.
- If applicable, I attach relevant documentation from the GMC listing additional training requirements.

CESR Doctor's signature:		Date:	
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Please note: We always ensure we protect everyone's privacy including any personal information that is shared with us. Please refer to our Privacy Policy at www.rcpath.org/about-the-college/governance/college-policies/privacy-policy.html.

Please return this completed form to: sandra.dewar-creighton@rcpath.org

