

Question	Answer
Embarrassed to ask such a basic question but how many CT3 and ST4 trainees are there? Wondering about the ratio	It varies for each intake, a good place to look would be the HEENW Psychiatry National Recruitment pages which includes the fill rates for the last few years (links found in resources on
can you provide guidance for staff grade doctors interested to apply for higher training who have achieved MRCPsych	Hello Faiza, thank you for your question. We are very committed to supporting SAS doctors and will answer this question in the presentation.
Can you take casc in CT2? Says on rcpsych website you need 24 months psych experience, but if you fail casc in the autumn sit of CT3 then how will you have this score in time for ST4	You don't need your casc result to apply. The result from Feb will be added in before applications are ranked. You need 23 months of psychiatry experience (not counting foundation) to sit CASC
it's hard to obtain points for research and publications and presentations in self assessment. How do we do this ?	live answered
Do you think the scoring accurately reflects trainees achievements if so many trainees in your experience find that things they've worked on aren't counted?	live answered
I wondered if the Diploma in Legal Medicine would count for Domain 3 (UK primary postgraduate qualification e.g. MRCP Part 1, MCEM A)	live answered
Hi, if you don't pass CASC first time then is your first attempt or second attempt used to work out the CASC exam score?	It is the mark of the CASC that you pass
How do I operate the application from my current medical degree (a M.B.B.S)? There must be others with similar questions. Thank you in advance for the discussion in general.	live answered
In Domain 5 - Postgraduate Training in other specialties in the past 7 working years - would a year working in Medical Education count, would a locum post in another speciality count	live answered
why have 2 separate IT systems then? un-necessary complication	We are always looking for ways to improve and hopefully we can streamline the process one day.
Hi, is there any information regarding which geographical areas are more competitive?	The best way to see the competitive regions is to look at the HENW website fill rates.
Is there any score penalty for having to sit CASC twice?	No, this will have no impact on your application.
At the interview stage will you need to show any of the portfolio evidence or is the interview only the 2 clinical questions?	The interview is purely the 2 questions.
Hi good afternoon. Can i please ask if we need to bring anything other than ID on the day of online interview? Any portfolio items or CV or anything else?	No, applicants will receive clear instructions of what to expect in their interview. Applicants will not have the opportunity to share additional evidence like a CV or Portfolio.
Are all 10 domains worth the same? ie 17.5% is split into 1.75% for each domain?	Each Domain has a specific number of points depending on your evidence. The maximum score per domain is not the same for each domain  Each domain has a specific number of points available, depending on the evidence. The maximum score per domain is not the same for each domain. Please refer to the 'Self-Assessment Domains and Guidance Document' for further information.
I'm starting an MSc in Clinical Neuropsychiatry at the University of Birmingham from September 2022. I will be applying for Higher Training for February 2023. Would my masters degree be eligible for extra points re: Self-assessment?	No. The qualification would need to be completed by the upload deadline to be awarded points in the Self-Assessment process.
Is it possible to get a copy of the presentation slides after this webinar? Thank you	Hi Joshua, this presentation is being recorded and will be available online.
Hello. As we have scored ourselves at the application stage in Oriel and we are now uploading the evidence on the other platform, will there be a chance to amend the scores that we initially marked ourselves on Oriel prior to uploading the evidence ?	live answered  As applicants scored themselves within the last month, we do not expect many applicants will wish to change their score. If your response has changed, please upload the higher-scoring evidence to the Self-Assessment portal to be reviewed by the verifier. You can also contact the Recruitment Team (psychiatryrecruitment.nw@hee.nhs.uk) with a reason for the adjustment and this will be sent to

Can you submit evidence without having done CASC?	Yes, but you will need to have passed CASC before the offers date
If an appeal is made can additional evidence be provided at that point?	No. Only evidence submitted to the portal during the Self-Assessment Upload window can be considered and reviewed. Further evidence will not be accepted.
So to clarify do we need to upload our MD certificate?	Yes please
How many points for domain 2?	The Self-Assessment Domains and Guidance document which explains the points can be found on the HEENW website (see 'ST4 Psychiatry Current Round' guidance in resources)
Is MBBS degree acceptable in the UG degree?	Yes it is.
Is an MD in psychiatry acceptable in PG qualification?	Yes it is
Domain 3 is a bit confusing it says "Only fully completed qualifications with certificate or official letter of proof of outcome will be counted" but then refers e.g. to MRCP Part 1, MCEM A would you need a membership exam or full membership?. Could we get clarity on this?	You need evidence of the result. So if you have sat and passed MCEM A then you would need the official documentation of this i.e email with results from MCEM
will the score be different upon the subject of the postgraduate qualification?	live answered
Are assessors able to recognise PMQs and additional degrees obtained in another country and the different way a distinction or prize is awarded?  For example instead of first or second class, distinction with will awarded as "cum laude or summa cum laude" (like in the US and many other countries)	live answered
does membership of the RCPsych committee count for domain 4?	It doesn't, sorry
Can you receive any points for local trust awards ie. trainee of the year? Awarded by the trust?	Awards only count if they are open to applications nationally
Can I confirm, I was looking at the ST4 scoring information and it said that for the August 2023 recruitment, a new certificate C will be introduced to reflect the new RCPsych curriculum. However, the portfolio says we should be staying on the old curriculum if finish CT3 before 2024. So how will this work with a new certificate C if we're still using the old curriculum?	Hi Fiona, if you're a core trainee you won't be required to submit a Certificate C. You'll be asked to provide your most recent ARCP or will state that you expect to receive your ARCP before the ST4 post start date.
is this only in a training programme or could it count if you have done trust grade etc	Hi Simona - I'm not sure what your question relates to exactly but evidence does not have to relate to a training post. Applicants can submit evidence from trust grade posts, and posts they
Is an ARCP ok as evidence from past training?	Yes it is
Is it possible to receive the slides, please	Yes, a copy of the slides will be uploaded alongside the recording on the College website. We will email you when this is ready to view
If it is an ongoing audit, which is supposed to be completed next month will it score ?	It needs to be completed by the time you submit your self-assessment  No. The piece of work would need to be completed by the upload deadline to be awarded points in the Self-Assessment process.
Domain 6- if you want to add more than one audit can you add 3 pieces of evidence for each or is it 3 pieces of evidence over all?	There is no point in uploading more than one audit as it won't score you more points. Pick the audit that will get you the highest score
I think it's sad that non-clinical aspects get so many points. There is a risk of excellent clinicians not getting through just because they are committed to clinical psychiatry from the outset (and not into research, getting more letters after their name, etc). Sigh	Thank you for these thoughts. We will take this to the next recruitment meeting for consideration.
There are 45 points available across the 10 domains, does that mean each point is worth 0.4% in total (17.5%/45)?	Each Domain has a specific number of points depending on your evidence. The maximum score per domain is not the same for each domain
I have given myself a score of 3 in Domain 8 (teaching) during the Oriel application. After this webinar, I have learned that perhaps I can score higher. Can I change this during the upload window of the evidence?	Yes, if you contact the Recruitment team: psychiatryrecruitment.nw@hee.nhs.uk we can forward the amendment to the clinician who will be verifying your evidence.

Can you use the same evidence in domain 1 and domain 7 if it refers to a masters with original research?	In very limited circumstances, you can use the same evidence in more than one domain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domains 6 and 9 – You can score any publications of audit / QI projects in both domains 6 and 9.</li> <li>• Domains 7 and 10 – You can score presentations of original research leading to PhD/MD in domain 10 as well as domain 7.</li> </ul> In all other instances you cannot use the same evidence in more than one domain. Please use the evidence where it will score you the most marks.
Does becoming a regional/local trainee representative give extra marks for any domain if we have scored 0 during application , but in self assessment upload if we have evidence can we change the score ?	That's an interesting question. You will definitely get leadership experience and learn so much. Yes, the verifier will amend the score if the evidence provided is worth more points. Please contact our team directly if you have any queries: psychiatryrecruitment.nw@hee.nhs.uk
Hi, is it okay if the self declaration information prior declared on Oriel is different from the final upload on the evidence site?	Yes, this is absolutely fine. you can contact our team directly if you have any queries: psychiatryrecruitment.nw@hee.nhs.uk
Can you apply to ST4 applications with MRCPsych exams still in progress? Only CASC? Or also Papers?	This would be confirmed in the Applicants' Guide for each round of recruitment. It's not always essential to have these at the time of application, but as the CASC score contributes to the overall score it is essential that this is in place by the offers process. Please contact our team if you have any further queries: psychiatryrecruitment.nw@hee.nhs.uk
So in the oriel application form we have already provisionally marked ourselves for self-assessment.	Yes, you will need to provide a reason for the adjustment which will then be sent to the verifier to review. Please contact our team directly if you have any queries: psychiatryrecruitment.nw@hee.nhs.uk
I realised I would have been able to score more in other domains during this meeting. Is there a	
Hi. I worked as a SAS doctor for 15 months and I am currently a CT1 trainee. Can I transfer my SAS experience to Core Training to shorten my training and apply to a higher training?	This is a conversation you would need to have with your educational supervisor and head of school. You would still require MRCPsych to start ST4
Can anything from medical school be used if it was in the last 7 years?	Yes, if the evidence falls within the given timelines it will be accepted.
Thanks Amelia for replying to my previous question.	
It relates to domain 5. Postgraduate training in other specialties. Does this only count if it was officially in a training	Thanks Simona, the 'Self-Assessment Domains and Guidance Document' (see 'ST4 Psychiatry Current Round' guidance in resources) explains that this can include non-training posts in the UK or overseas
Thank you for your help. I just wanted to check - if applying for August 2023 intake, when will evidence need to be uploaded by?	This timeline has not yet been published, but applicants will submit an application in November-December 2022 and will be invited to upload their evidence in early 2023. Dates will be confirmed
Please may you specify the amount of evidence allowed per domain?	The maximum pieces of evidence allowed per domain is specified on the 'Self-Assessment Domains and Guidance Document' available on the HEENW website (see 'ST4 Psychiatry Current
If you have had time out of medicine, is that time included in the 7 years? (I didn't work as a doctor for a whole year)	The 'Self-Assessment Domains and Guidance Document' available on the HEENW website: (see 'ST4 Psychiatry Current Round' guidance in resources). This includes information for applicants who may have taken a career break or worked less than full time. You will have the opportunity to
Dr Chakraborty mentioned that the CV is uploaded 'somewhere'. I'm not aware I've been asked for my CV? Should this be uploaded to Oriel?	Hi Hester, this was an error- there is no need to provide a CV. This will not be requested as part of the Self-Assessment process and would never be shared with interview assessors. Unfortunately this was an error. There is no need to provide a CV. This will not be requested as part of the Self-Assessment process and is not required in the application process.
can we apply with just casc and part A? and if part b result is pending	Yes, but you would need to have passed paper B before offers are given but not
Theoretically could I do CT1-3 then take a 3-4 year gap working overseas and to work on the other domains and re-apply for ST4? That wouldn't be disadvantageous right?	An applicant could choose to take a break between core and higher training if they wished. Depending on how long the break is, this may have an impact on the evidence you can provide to support domains 5, 6 and 10 in the Self-Assessment process.

We were asked for our CASC evidence on oriel will we need to put this on the self assessment portal too?	Just on oriel
For certain specialities (e.g. Medical Psychotherapy), there may be other desirable experiences that is not rated in the self assessment. For example, doing more than the psychotherapy training requirements towards ARCP. To get to the interview, they would have to outcompete the other applicants right?	Currently, all applicant who meet the minimum eligibility requirements are invited to complete the Self-Assessment process and attend an interview. Applicants will attend a single interview which will contribute to their overall score (also made up of their CASC exam and verified Self-Assessment score). Applicants will be able to preference any of the available ST4 posts – spanning all locations and all subspecialties – which will be offered according to the applicants’ overall
<p><b>For the below questions, we have answered with the following statement:</b></p>	<p>A Guide to the Self-Assessment Domains and process can be found on the HEENW website (see 'ST4 Psychiatry Current Round' guidance in resources). Although the current published version refers to the February 2023 intake. The domain descriptors are not expected to change for future rounds of recruitment, but the validity periods for Domains 5,6 and 10 will change according to when the application is made. Unfortunately, the recruitment team will be unable to answer queries about individual responses to the Self-Assessment. Applicants are advised to carefully review the guidance document and decide what they consider to be the most accurate response. This evidence will be reviewed by a clinical verifier during the recruitment cycle.</p> <p>The following links may be helpful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Applicant Guidance (found in resources). Although it refers to the current round of recruitment, the Guidance explains the recruitment process in detail.</li> <li>•Self-Assessment Domains and Guidance Document (found in resources) outlines the different domains, descriptors and evidence required.</li> <li>•Person Specifications (found in resources) outline the eligibility requirements of the ST4 Psychiatry programme.</li> </ul>
If you Primary medical qualification is an integrated masters degree which includes an original research and viva, would this score in Domain 1?	
Like MD Does Diploma from India counts.	
Would an MSC neuroscience count as 5 points in domain 3?	
In Domain 3, would you consider a certificate in Group Analysis as Post graduate Medical Qualifications? Or a course certified by the Faculty of Medical Leadership?	
What are the examples of teaching qualifications? (not masters degree)	
Where would FHEA sit in Domain 8?	
If we have a DM or post doctoral fellowship in a Psychiatry subspecialty in addition to MD in psychiatry(all from India) does this count in any self assessment domain?	
what kind of evidence do you have to show for domain 5?	
do clinical fellowships in psychiatry and psychotherapy specialties not available in core training count in domain 5 please?	
Are there any plans for the college to recognise practical leadership/management experience? This does not appear to score points	
Would it be appropriate to include an audit report as evidence, or simply a certificate of presentation / completion?	
Non-psych experience does is it have to be medical or can it be from any field? thanks	

Domain 5: what if i have worked as a trust grade in another speciality for some years ? Does it	
Is MRes (as an intercalated degree) counted as undergrad or postgrad degree?	
For Domain 5 (Postgraduate training in other specialties) does this include non-training posts? (i.e. locum work) Thank you	
Does 2-3 evidences for QIP mean 2-3 QIPs or it can be for 1 QIP?	
for domain 7- what if you have a masters in research	
Does recognition from the BMA regarding contribution towards LNC count in domain 4?	
If we are unsure if the award/prize received outside of the UK would score in Domain 4, can we upload more than 1 award?	
Sorry if I did not understand it correctly, so a MD (Psychiatry) clinical degree from overseas count for scores in "Postgraduate Medical Qualifications"?	
Thanks	
For Domain 7, how would you score being a Principal Investigator?	
in terms of domain 6, there is a local change in regards to QIP but that QIP has been presented internationally, what will the score be like in that case?	
does completing foundation courses in psychotherapy count in domain 3?	
What if the published research paper is based on the thesis but slightly different from the	
if the MD thesis results in a publication in a peer reviewed international journal will that still not count in domain 7? if more than 7 years ago. Thanks	
This is a piece of evidence that is needed for QI projects- 'Involvement in the QIP/audit e.g. email acknowledgement of registration of QIP/audit with Clinical Governance team or response from QIP/audit lead.' Does this mean you need to have an email from clinical governance team specifically, or is an email or headed letter e.g. from a clinical supervisor, TPD or someone else senior acceptable?	
Do you get any points for unpublished MSc thesis or presentations older than 7 years?	
For domain 7, the recruitment of patients to research - is there a time frame that this has to have happened in ie. I recruited for clinical trials 6 years prior to higher training application	
can self-rating improved above self assessment score	
Does teaching undergraduate students give points in domain 8? what evidence can be shown	
Should the clinical governance and audit be on the NHS scale? How does NHS compare the results selected from a variety of degrees? Thank you in advance.	
For domain 7 how many points would being a principle investigator for a study give?	
Would evidence of examining medical students (e.g. volunteering to examine in OSCEs) count towards the teaching domain?	
how to provide evidence for international teaching in my home country and would that count ?	
Would an MSC neuroscience from UCL count as 5 points in domain 3?	
Do you get any points for local teaching?	
Does domain 8 have a time limit?	
Domain 7 research. If I was the person delivering the test of change as part of the research - how will this be scored? Did not write it up, but am the person who brought in data itself (not just collecting data/participants). The research has been published in a national journal	
How many pieces of evidence can be uploaded in domain 9?	

for domain 9: is being a peer reviewer for a well known journal count	
do publications have to be psychiatry related?	
how should co-author of a therapy manual be scored for domain 9? Was accepted by FDA	
Do we need to show evidence of the peer review process even for an indexed journal? i.e. Asian Journal of Psychiatry etc.	
I have done MD in Psychiatry (three year course with thesis) and DM in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (three year course with thesis) from (NIMHANS) India. In which domain can I accommodate my DM degree?	
what's the average score?	
Do you get marks under domain 10 if you prepare the abstract presentation but don't present it yourself? thanks	
I will rephrase my question, I have Diploma in OB/GY from College of Physicians and surgeons Mumbai . this is MCI medical council of india recognised. Does this count.	
Can I score for a QI project that I was a part of but was presented by someone else in an RCPsych conference	
For the academic publications, will publications over the past 6 years be considered?	
Any points given for proficiency in other languages?	
what is the rationale behind making applicants give themselves a score, if the assessors are going through everything so carefully and can move the score up or down?	
Does teaching undergraduate students give points in domain 8? what evidence can be shown	
1. Do we need to be a training post in other specialty to be scored for domain 5 or any non training post experience would be counted as well?  2. Ford domain 7- if I have been involved in recruitment of patients fir multiple research project, would that add any extra score? what's about working as a investigator for research projects? 3.	
Is there a reason why teaching marks emphasise the regional nature of the teaching rather than quality/level of involvement/work? some of our trainees take on consultant level teaching roles creating, developing and delivering excellent undergraduate education over full academic years and are disheartened that this is worth very few points while a national webinar attended by 20 people for an hour gets near top points	
Hi I did postgraduation from India and got gold medal in DNB (national postgraduate education board in India)	
What would my score be from the 4th domain	
If i have completed 4 years degree as MD psychiatry along with thesis but haven't been awarded degree yet but have the evidence in form of attendance certificate or letter from university about completion of training. Would that be sufficient as PG qualification?	
Can we apply for August 2023 intake if we have still to give part B in March? as the result I am assuming would be in May/June (if the remaining two are passed already)	
thanks	

in domain 2 does the undergraduate degree refer to the medical degree? or can it be a different undergraduate degree?	
Is there anyway to estimate what percentage a CASC score would equate to if we know our score and the pass mark?	
Will Completion of core training count in Domain 3? If I have taken part in a GMC post graduate pilot exam as a candidate, can I upload evidence for this under any domain?	
for domain 1 , is MBBS acceptable ? what can I score it as ?	
Hi I finished postgraduation in psychiatry in India. I'm planning to give MCEM part A	
So if I clear part A should I document it in domain 3 or in domain 5?	
Does completing the edward jenner programme count in domain 3?	
Can I score for a QI project that I was actively part of but was presented by someone else in an RCPsych conference	
If i have completed 4 years degree as MD psychiatry along with thesis but haven't been awarded degree yet but have the evidence in form of attendance certificate or letter from university about completion of training. Would that be sufficient as PG qualification?	
Sorry for another question: Can we highlight the relevant text in the evidence to help the assessors or would that considered 'tampering with the evidence'?	
Thanks	
Does the paper presentations at a national level in your home country overseas count?	
can you use a different undergraduate degree to your undergraduate medical degree for	
Very frustrating that no local awards, local teaching or local trainee rep/coordinator roles count for any points. Kind just feels what is the point in doing any of these things if it does not help you achieve higher training jobs which is why we surely work more than is required of our actual	
does the AKT from RCGP count in postgraduate medical qualifications?	
how can I calculate the adjusted percentile score?	
Thank you so much!!!	
Thankyou	
When you mention years of work in antoher role, can this include leadership posts in medicine?	
Thank you so much for the clarification Amelia	
For International Graduates	
Are assessors able to recognise PMQs and additional degrees obtained in another country and the different way a distinction or prize is awarded?	
For example instead of first or second class, distinction is awarded as "cum laude or summa cum laude" (like in the US and many other countries)	
It's not clear in the self assessment guidance	
will publications over the past 6 years be considered?	
If a trainee has to have a year out either did not pass CASC or has to go to a service based job or has to travel abroad with family	
Is it ok to use experience / evidence out of the training job in their self assessment	
Does a BMJ rapid response count as a publication then?	

My question is related to my observation that the self assessment is heavily weighted for academic skills and audit activities.	
For domain 9 post graduate publications count for more than undergraduate. Is it your graduate status at the date of publication that counts or when the project was done? Ie if the project was an undergrad but written up and published post-graduation does it count as postgraduate?	
Hi how long do you reckon the interviews will be held online (2023?)  thanks	
will this system not depend very much on the consultants and education supervisors?	
Would an MSc in Material Anthropology count as medically relevant? I believe it is in my own	
This may not be related. I submitted an application to be recruited into ST4 in General Adult Psychiatry, please can I change it to Child and Adolescent psychiatry now?	
If we are unsure if the award/prize received outside of the UK would score in Domain 4, can we upload more than 1 award?	
Why no credit for leadership initiatives? Many of us put huge energy into improvements not covered by QIP	
Would the diploma of the royal college of obstetricians and gynaecologists count as a diploma does diploma of neuropsychiatry count in domain 3	
Does the Edward Jenner leadership programme count as a primary postgraduate qualification?	
Can experience of working as an assistant professor in psychiatry in a medical college for a year (teaching MD residents) count as teaching experience?	
sorry can i ask a masters degree in radiology would count in domain 5	
Is there couples matching? or matched applications?	
just to clarify a masters in multidisciplinary radiology would be considered relevant and count?	
Thankyou for a very informative session	
Thank you that was very informative!	
Do we have any way to estimate what our CASC score will equate to in application? My portfolio is going to be a bit thin and I want to work out how much my CASC score might make up for	
Please look at my question	
Thank you very useful	
For domain 10 does the presentation have to be of your own research? For example would chairing a session count?	
do publications have to be psychiatry related?	
Seems that a lot of thought has been put into this process. However, unfortunately the whole process is only judging one's competitiveness and nothing to do with how good a clinician you are. which is really sad	
Thanks. One more thing please. As far as evidence for self-assessment is concerned, is a pdf from a published undergraduate paper would suffice? Or the full printed journal is required to verify the publication? Unfortunately the journal my paper was printed in, physical copy is not available and their online archive is not complete.	
If a University, centre of excellence in India has awarded something, is it acceptable?	
if not, does a RCPsych essay prize from medical school count	



Do the undergraduate prizes include the prize for highest or 2nd highest score in a subject? Does it have to be national or it can be local as well?	
Why in Domain 5 is 13 to 36 months experience in another speciality marked higher than 36+	
Can you advise regarding effect on maternity leave on applying. E.g. if due to complete core training in august 2023, but going on maternity leave 2 months prior to this, could you still apply? Dont want to be penalised and miss out on a round of applications, as well as time limited	
Will an audit in another specialty in the last 6 working years count in Domain 6?	
I have a DPM( diploma in psychiatry) post graduate degree from India. Could I use this as evidence for domain 3?	
could i ask if RCPsych essay prizes from medical school can go into any domain?	
Hello, do you accept questions about the Certificate C and CASC eligibility as well?	
Hi just asking again about an undergraduate paper publication. Will a pdf of the published article which is in my researchgate account suffice?	
and how co-authoring an entire book or manual should be scored?	
Any points given for publications under review by peer reviewed journals? Completed manuscripts in submission / in editing?	
if one has presented posters in both regional and international congress, do they count as different evidence for domain 10? So can the applicant score him/herself 10?	
Does the paper presentations at a national level in your home country overseas count?	