

Equivalence Committee



Remit

- To advise on the use of the curriculum for evaluating applications for CESR
- To evaluate individual applications for Certificates of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR) in accordance with College policy and General Medical Council (GMC) guidance within agreed frameworks
- To advise the College on issues relating to specialist registration for doctors who have not completed a UK training programme and other related matters

Specific Responsibilities

- The Committee reports to the Education and Training Committee (ETC)
- CESR applications whose outcome cannot be agreed unanimously by the evaluators will be reviewed by the Chair who will decide what recommendation should be made to the GMC.
- As part of the evaluation process the Evaluators will recommend further training, experience, examinations, assessments or other tests of competence where necessary to ensure eligibility for specialist registration
- To advise on guidance for CESR applicants
- Committee Members and CESR evaluators should submit any declarations of interest to the Committee
- The Equivalence Committee meets 2 times each year, and all CESR evaluators are invited. Members are expected to attend at least one meeting a year.

Membership

- Chairperson: The Chair, who should be a Member/Fellow of the College, is appointed by ETC as Associate Dean of Equivalence with a Term of Office of 3 years, with the option to stand down after two years
- Deputy Chair(s): The deputy Chair(s), who should be a Member/Fellow of the College, are appointed by the Chair to fulfil the Chair's duty when they cannot be impartial (i.e. if the Chair has worked with the CESR applicant)
- Committee Members:
 - a) Representatives of each psychiatric specialty and are selected from the CESR evaluators by the Chair and agreed with the Chair of and co-opted onto the relevant Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC)
 - b) There are also representatives from:
 - Psychiatric Trainees' Committee
 - Specialty Doctors' Committee
 - c) Ex Officio: The Dean
- Term of office: 4 years with the option to step down after 2 years. Members, who find that they cannot fulfil their duties, or experience difficulties during their tenure, should discuss this with the Chair at the earliest opportunity.