

Timetable for the completion of Foundation Year 1 Certificate of Completion (F1CC) and Certificate of Experience

This paper set out the agreed national timetable for completion of the F1CC document for foundation doctors due to complete F1 in August 2020.

Background:

- Provisionally registered doctors with a license to practice must complete one year in an approved programme to be eligible to apply for full registration with the GMC.
- The requirements for satisfactory completion of F1 are set out in Section 10 of the Foundation Programme Reference Guide 2016. By confirming that a foundation doctor has met all the requirements for satisfactory completion of F1, the Foundation Training Programme Director/Tutor (FTPD/T), Foundation School Director (FSD) and Medical School Dean or Postgraduate Dean or their authorised signatories must be satisfied that the foundation doctor has achieved the required outcomes of training and practices in line with the principles of professional practice set out in Good Medical Practice.
- The foundation school must inform the medical school and Postgraduate Dean if the foundation doctor has not been signed off at the expected time and advise of the new expected completion date for their F1 post. They must also update GMC Connect to reflect the new expected completion date.
- The GMC will not allow Certificates of Experience submissions to be made more than 28 days or more before the end of the F1 year. The process for confirming that a F1 doctor has met the required standards should be completed as close to the end of F1 as is practically possible, but also must allow sufficient time for the GMC to process applications for full registration.
- Following completion of the F1CC and the Certification of Experience, there must be systems in place to ensure that the FTPD/T, FSD, medical school dean or their authorised signatories, and if necessary the GMC, are informed if circumstances change, i.e. the F1 doctor no longer meets the requirements for satisfactory completion at that time.

2020 Timeline

The following table sets out the recommended timetable for completion of the F1CC for foundation doctors who commenced the foundation programme in August 2020: -

ACTION	DATE
Foundation school to publish ARCP timeline. To provide at least six weeks' notice to the foundation doctor	As soon as possible / to allow minimum of six weeks prior to ARCP review
ARCP review conducted by ARCP panel	Flexible, yet recommended no earlier than 2 June 2020
FTPD/T (ARCP panel chair) to assign outcome and send ARCP outcome form to FSD. FSD to issue F1CC for those who meet satisfactory requirements of F1	For local decision
International Certificates of Experience submission sent to GMC by email	8 - 28 July 2020
Completed F1CC to checked for all trainees. Any trainees not due to meet requirements on 4 August 2020 - COEs dates must be altered on GMC Connect or trainees withdrawn	By no later than 13 July 2020
Designated representatives to submit online Certificate of Experience on GMC Connect for those expecting to complete 4 August	14 – 28 July 2020
F1 expected completion date (COE date on GMC Connect for most trainees)	4 August 2020
F2 start date for most trainees	5 August 2020