

Transferring Recruitment Scores

Guidance for Applicants applying to Health Education England (HEE), NHS Education for Scotland (NES), Health Education Improvement Wales (HEIW) and Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency (NIMDTA)

Applicants applying to General Practice Specialty Training from August 2021 onwards who may not wish for whatever reason to take up the offer of a place in the current recruitment round will be able to transfer their score from one recruitment round to another recruitment round. This option will only be valid within a 12-month recruitment cycle. Therefore, a trainee applying in August can transfer their score until the February intake or the next August recruitment round but no longer. Likewise, a trainee applying for a February start can transfer their score to the August or following February intakes.

Transferring recruitment scores replaces the option of deferring for non-statutory reasons.

Guidance

1. Trainees should apply in the usual way and will be asked to preference at point of application
2. If unsuccessful at any stage they will leave the process and must reapply in a future recruitment round
3. If successful at longlisting trainees will proceed through the recruitment process to offers stage
4. Trainees will receive an offer based on their ranking
5. If the trainee does not wish to start at the appointed time then they should **reject** the offer
6. They should reapply within 12 months of the advertised start date of the post to which they wish to transfer their score and at the point of application indicate that they wish to transfer their score from the previous round. They will be asked to re preference, but they will **not** have to repeat the recruitment process
7. Applicants who wish to transfer their score will automatically have their scores transferred by Oriel from their chosen application at the point of submission. Prior to offers, they will be ranked with the cohort of applicants in that recruitment round.
8. Offers will be made according to ranking

Important Supplementary Information

1. All applicants must continue to meet the eligibility criteria from one year to the next. If the eligibility criteria change and the applicant no longer meets them then they will be rejected at longlisting and be unable to transfer their score
2. If the recruitment and selection processes change from one round or one year to the next, then the applicant will be unable to transfer their score
3. If the threshold for success is raised in the following recruitment year, then the applicant will not be able to transfer a score from a previous year unless they had already achieved the new threshold.
4. Applicants transferring their score will be ranked with applicants in that recruitment round so the applicants ranking may go up or down depending on the performance of that cohort and this will affect the offer given.
5. Applicants who are transferring a score are **NOT** transferring the previous offer – that becomes null and void. **The Deanery/HEE Regions have no obligation to hold a place in a specific programme.** Applicants will re preference as part of their new application and the offer of a place will depend on where the transferred score is ranked.