

# Applicant FAQs

## General Practice ST1

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## Application

### **I was successful in my previous GP training application but now want to transfer my score to another round, how can I do this on my new application?**

You can transfer your previous valid GP score by answering 'yes' to the question "Do you wish to carry over scores from a successful application you have previously submitted?" on your GP re-application form, at the time of application. Please note that it will not be possible to submit late requests and, any requests to transfer scores made outside of the application process will not be considered.

It is also important to note that the ability to transfer scores is only valid for a 12-month recruitment cycle (e.g., if you apply for an August intake, you can transfer your score for the next February intake or the following August intake) and is conditional upon the recruitment and selection process being unchanged.

For further information about transferring recruitment scores, please refer to the [separate guidance](#)

### **Is there a requirement for Advanced Life Support (ALS) to apply for GP training, as courses have been cancelled and delayed due to Covid-19?**

NHS Employers have advised that whilst it remains the case that ALS courses have been cancelled or delayed due to the pandemic, doctors who would normally be required to have a valid ALS as a condition of starting in post, should be able to take up their jobs. However, organisations will need to assess the skills required and any certification held by individuals and ensure that sufficient training is provided where necessary, so that they can carry out their role safely.

We realise you will have lots of questions in relation to the impacts of COVID on training, so please click the link below for more frequently asked questions:  
<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-information-trainees/frequently-asked-questions>

Can I still access Oriol 1 as my previous log in details are not working?

No. You will not be able to login to Oriol 1 as it was officially decommissioned on 4th January 2021 and is no longer accessible to any users.

To register on the new Oriol system visit - <https://oriol.nhs.uk>

## **Is there a limit on the number of times I can apply to GP Training and will reapplying affect future applications?**

No. There is no limit to the number of times you may reapply for GP Training, however you can only make a single application for all available GP ST1 training posts in each round. If you withdraw your application or offer prior to starting your training programme, it will not affect future applications.

## **What support do you offer to couples/ families regarding training in a preferred region?**

Though the linking of application is not facilitated in specialty recruitment, elements have been included to the selection processes to try and maximise chances of those in a committed relationship or family commitments in securing training posts in their desired region. These are:

- Hold deadline allows for offers to be *reserved* whilst waiting to hear the outcome of other applications or applications of another party.
- Opportunity to amend preferences throughout the recruitment process, even after offers have been made and accepted – this allows you to amend your preferences in Oriel, understanding that changes to personal circumstances may happen between time of application and time of offer. This also allows changes to be made, should two parties in a committed relationship be offered posts in different locations across the country. This is possible even where you have been offered your first-choice post and it allows you to re-rank preference options. This can continue up to the upgrade deadline in each recruitment round.

## **Why am I not receiving emails from Oriel?**

To ensure messages from the GPNRO are not filtered by your email provider's junk / spam filters, you are strongly advised to add [gpnro@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:gpnro@hee.nhs.uk) and [noreply@oriel.nhs.uk](mailto:noreply@oriel.nhs.uk) to your email whitelist.

Emails are external to Oriel; delivery cannot be guaranteed and therefore this method of communication should not be relied upon. Therefore, please ensure you check your Oriel account regularly for messages throughout the entirety of the recruitment process.

## **Multi-Specialty Recruitment Assessment (MSRA)**

### **I do not live in the UK, can I still take the MSRA?**

Yes, you do have the opportunity to sit the MSRA outside of the UK. The MSRA is delivered globally on several consecutive days in a large number of Pearson VUE Computer Testing Centres. You can find your nearest Pearson VUE test centre by visiting <https://pearsonvue.com/nro/locate>. Please note that capacity at each centre is limited and there may be a requirement to travel to the nearest location with availability if there is no availability at your preferred location.

There are some restricted countries that applicants cannot test in (either at a testing centre or online) due to sanctions against those countries. These are North Korea, Cuba, Syria, Sudan, and Iran. In addition to these countries, online testing is also not allowed in China, Japan and Slovenia however applicants can go to a test centre in these 3 countries.

Please do refer to the *Multi-Specialty Recruitment Assessment (MSRA) guidance documents found in the [Resource Bank](#) of the GPNRO website.*

### **Can I transfer my MSRA score from a previous round to my GP Application if it was taken for another specialty?**

Yes. If you did not previously apply for GP but you sat the MSRA for another specialty for training from August 2021 onwards, you can transfer between rounds as long as it is within the same recruitment year. Also, you must have achieved the minimum score required by GP for success in the MSRA, if not then you will need to resit the exam.

To do so, you must indicate that you wish to re-use your previous outcome on the Supporting page of the application form. You will still be presented with other MSRA specific questions on the same page and please answer these where mandatory in the knowledge that the responses will be disregarded if you answered yes to re-using your previous outcome.

## **Evidence of Foundation Competences**

### **Can previous Certificate of Readiness to Enter Specialty Training (CREST) forms be used in Round 2 2021- 2022 applications?**

Yes. Applicants can re-use their CREST from GP ST1 round 1 2021 as long as it is the correct 2021 form, and the period of supervision is at least 3 months (whole time equivalent and a continuous period) within 3.5 years of the advertised post start date.

### **Does Medical Overseas work count towards GMC 12 months experience?**

Yes. Overseas medical work you have carried out can be counted towards the required 12 months experience as long as that experience was gained after you were fully registered with the equivalent GMC licensing authority in the country in question.

You would need to provide a CREST as evidence of achieving Foundation Competences.

## **Offers**

### **Who should I contact regarding my training and employment once I have received an offer and the upgrade deadline has passed?**

You will need to contact your new training region from this point onwards. The remit of the GPNRO is to coordinate entry to GP training programmes in the UK and it is not involved in the administration or delivery of training. Contact details for all local offices and deaneries are available on our website at:

<https://gprecruitment.hee.nhs.uk/recruitment/letbs-deaneries>

### **Why am I being contacted by St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust regarding my employment?**

St Helens and Knowsley are the Lead Employer in several Health Education England (HEE) regions for GP Trainees; they will be responsible for your overall employment. The HEE regions include:

- HEE East Midlands
- HEE East of England
- HEE North West
- HEE Thames Valley
- HEE West Midlands

For further details on their responsibilities please visit:

<https://sharingservices.sthk.nhs.uk/lead-employer/>

### **What are my options if I am unable to start my training?**

Applicants can **defer** the start of their ST1 programme on statutory grounds such as personal ill health or maternity/paternity/adoption leave. As non-statutory deferment is not permitted, successful applicants to GP Training from August 2021 onwards will be able to **transfer their successful final recruitment score** from one recruitment round to another. This option will only be valid within a 12-month recruitment cycle and is conditional upon the recruitment and selection process being unchanged in subsequent recruitment rounds.

Please note that ALL deferment requests need to be made in writing to the HEE local office or deanery with which you have accepted an offer of training, not the GPNRO.

For further details please do refer to section 6 of the [GP ST1 Applicant Guidance 2021-22](#)

### **Where can I find information on pay as a doctor in the UK?**

It is recommended that you visit the **British Medical Association (BMA)** website as it provides a resource of information on pay for doctors in the whole of the UK. Their guidance's advises you on any issues you may have such as pay scales; expenses and pay protection, providing you with the detailed support you may need.

The direct link to the pay section can be found at: <https://www.bma.org.uk/pay-and-contracts/pay>.

### **Is it possible for Inter deanery Transfer after accepting an offer?**

Inter-deanery transfers (IDTs) are rare and require both an exceptional circumstances threshold for eligibility and availability of posts in often full programmes, so it is imperative you only preference the programmes that you would be prepared to work in.

For further information about IDTs, please refer to the IDT guidance <https://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/nationalIDT>.

## **What does it mean if I am on the 'Waiting list' for receiving an offer?**

Applicants that do not receive an offer when initial offers are made are considered to be on a 'waiting or reserve list'. There are several factors that determine being on a waiting or reserve list including your breadth of selection of preferences, the number of posts available in your selection of preferences and, your overall performance in the recruitment and selection process as determined by your final rank.

Offers that are declined or rejected by applicants are re-offered to the next eligible applicants. Declined offers are recycled roughly every 48 to 72 hours and this process will continue until all posts have been accepted or, all options have been exhausted, after which no further offers will be made. If you do not receive an offer by the time the round is concluded, you will need to re-apply in a subsequent round via Oriel.