

Our Reference: A&R update



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Dear Doctor

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REVALIDATION FROM YOUR RESPONSIBLE OFFICER**

As you will be already aware, on 17 March 2020, the GMC announced that it was going to change the revalidation dates of all doctors with a revalidation recommendation due before the end of September 2020. The effect has been to re-set the date for 12 months' time.

Further to this recent communication from the GMC the decision has been taken to continue with the pause in revalidation for those GPs due to revalidate from **October 2020 to March 2021**, also for a further year.

Those GPs who have had their revalidations pushed back due to Covid19 will be given an 'open notice period'. This means that NHS England/Improvement teams can continue to process revalidation for these GPs ahead of their new date if they are 'revalidation ready'. In practise, the NHS England/Improvement administrative team will review the records of GPs whose revalidation date has been pushed back to ascertain whether the supporting information gathered from earlier appraisals provides the required detail to enable a positive recommendation by your Responsible Officer.

In addition, we are writing to remind you that appraisal is currently on hold. We are awaiting the national decision confirming the date for recommencement of appraisals and will share that information with you as soon as it is available.

**Therefore, there is no action for you to take at the current time in relation to your appraisal or revalidation.**

We hope to be in touch soon to update in relation to appraisals. In the meantime, if you require any support in relation to your current wellbeing please contact us.

Further information can be found with the following links:

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- <https://www.gmc-uk.org/news/news-archive/coronavirus---gmc-confirms-revalidation-date-changes>
- <https://www.gmc-uk.org/registration-and-licensing/managing-your-registration/revalidation/changes-made-to-revalidation-in-response-to-the-coronavirus-COVID-19-pandemic>

**Key message:**

Appraisal, revalidation and associated activities (compiling your portfolio, recording CPD and quality improvement, formal feedback) were suspended from 21/22 March 2020, initially until end September 2020.

This was to allow doctors, appraisers and the associated administrative teams to focus on clinical work and use their skills in the best way to support the Coronavirus emergency.

No doctor's licence to practise will be affected by this.

**This period of revalidation suspension has been extended until end March 2021.**

GP's revalidation dates between end March 2020 and end March 2021 will be 'reset' for an additional year but will be given an 'open notice period'

GPs on 'open notice' who are already 'revalidation ready' will continue to be processed by the Appraisal and Revalidation Team.

Appraisal is currently on hold and the team will send further details as and when available.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the information detailed within this letter, please contact your Appraisal and Revalidation Team using the email addresses at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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