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Guidance on transition to the 2021 clinical radiology and interventional radiology curricula – Updated May 2021

The implementation timeline for transfer to the 2021 clinical radiology and interventional radiology curricula was originally designed to fit GMC requirements as outlined in their [2012 position statement](#). On 12 May 2021 this [statement was updated](#) and the transition plan for transfer to the new clinical radiology and interventional radiology curricula has been updated accordingly.

The sections below outline how the transition to the 2021 curricula should be managed for different groups of trainees. The overriding principle throughout is that **trainees should transfer to the new curricula at the earliest opportunity** (which for most trainees will be August 2021), but that there should be some flexibility based on individual circumstances to ensure that the process does not cause undue stress or disruption. The final deadline for all trainees to transfer to the new 2021 curricula is 31 August 2023.

Educational supervisors should agree individual transition plans with their trainees, with training programme directors providing guidance for this. Any queries around transition plans can be directed to the [RCR curriculum team](#).

Since different groups of trainees will transfer to the new curricula at different times, from 2022 onwards the educational supervisor's structured report should identify which curriculum the trainee is being assessed against. This will be incorporated into the relevant Kaizen forms.

The links below will take you to advice for each group of trainees:

- [Full time clinical radiology trainees](#)
- [Full time interventional radiology trainees](#)
- [Less than full time clinical radiology trainees](#)
- [Less than full time interventional radiology trainees](#)

Full time clinical radiology trainees

Training grade in July 2021	Does the trainee need to transfer?	When should the trainee transfer?
ST1	Yes	Following their ARCP, at the point that they begin ST2
ST2	Yes	Following their ARCP, at the point that they begin ST3
ST3	Yes	Following their ARCP, at the point that they begin ST4
ST4	No – provided they CCT by August 2022	N/A
ST5	No – provided they CCT by August 2022	N/A

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If a trainee is given an extension to training (e.g. outcome 3/outcome 10.2) and does not progress to the next training grade at their ARCP, they should ideally continue on the current curriculum and transfer to the new curriculum when they progress to the next training grade, provided that this is by August 2022. In exceptional circumstances this could be extended to August 2023, with the agreement of the postgraduate dean.

ST4 trainees who would otherwise have expected to CCT by August 2022 but have had an extension to training due to COVID-19 (outcome 10.2) that delays their CCT date beyond this date, do not need to transfer to the new curriculum provided that they CCT by August 2023 at the latest.

Full time interventional radiology trainees

Training grade in July 2021	Does the trainee need to transfer?	When should the trainee transfer?
ST4	Yes	Following their ARCP, at the point that they begin ST5
ST5	No – provided they CCT by August 2022	N/A
ST6	No – provided they CCT by August 2022	N/A

Trainees should transfer to the new curriculum at the earliest possible opportunity. Wherever possible, this should be at the point where they move from one training grade to the next. For most trainees this will be following a summer 2021 ARCP, however for some it may be later if their ARCP is not until autumn/winter. Trainees should transfer to the new curriculum by August 2022 at the latest. In exceptional circumstances this could be extended to August 2023, with the agreement of the postgraduate dean.

If a trainee is given an extension to training (e.g. outcome 3/outcome 10.2) and does not progress to the next training grade at their ARCP, they should ideally continue on the current curriculum and transfer to the new curriculum when they progress to the next training grade, provided that this is by August 2022. In exceptional circumstances this could be extended to August 2023, with the agreement of the postgraduate dean.

ST5 trainees who would otherwise have expected to CCT by August 2022 but have had an extension to training due to COVID-19 (outcome 10.2) that delays their CCT date beyond this date, do not need to transfer to the new curriculum provided that they CCT before August 2023 at the latest.

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Training grade in July 2021	Does the trainee need to transfer?	When should the trainee transfer?
ST1	Yes	Following their ARCP, at the point that they begin ST2
ST2	Yes	Following their ARCP, at the point that they begin ST3
ST3	Yes	Following their ARCP, at the point that they begin ST4
ST4	No – provided they CCT by February 2023	N/A
ST5	No – provided they CCT by February 2023	N/A

Trainees should transfer to the new curriculum at the earliest possible opportunity. Wherever possible, this should be at the point where they move from one training grade to the next. For some trainees this will be following a summer 2021 ARCP, however for some it may be later if their ARCP is not until autumn/winter or their working pattern means that they do not move training grade at their next ARCP. Less than full time trainees should transfer to the new curriculum by February 2023 at the latest. In exceptional circumstances this could be extended to August 2023, with the agreement of the postgraduate dean.

If a trainee is given an extension to training (e.g. outcome 3/outcome 10.2) and does not progress to the next training grade at their ARCP, they should ideally continue on the current curriculum and transfer to the new curriculum when they progress to the next training grade, provided that this is by February 2023. In exceptional circumstances this could be extended to August 2023, with the agreement of the postgraduate dean.

ST4 trainees who would otherwise have expected to CCT before February 2023, but have had an extension to training due to COVID-19 (outcome 10.2) that delays their CCT date beyond this date, do not need to transfer to the new curriculum provided that they CCT before August 2023 at the latest.

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Less than full time interventional radiology trainees

Training grade in July 2021	Does the trainee need to transfer?	When should the trainee transfer?
ST4	Yes	Following their ARCP, at the point that they begin ST5
ST5	No – provided they CCT by February 2023	N/A
ST6	No – provided they CCT by February 2023	N/A

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