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To be awarded the Stage 1 certificate you must:

- ✓ complete your Initial Assessment of Competence
- ✓ complete your Initial Assessment of Competence in Obstetric Anaesthesia
- ✓ complete HALOs for all stage 1 generic professional and specialty specific domains of learning
- ✓ complete the FRCA Primary exams.

To be awarded the Stage 2 certificate you must:

- ✓ complete HALOs for all stage 2 generic professional and specialty specific domains of learning
- ✓ complete the FRCA Final exams.

To be awarded the Stage 3 certificate you must:

- ✓ complete HALOs for all stage 3 generic professional and specialty specific domains of learning
- ✓ complete 12 months of training in special interest areas.

2021 Anaesthetics Training Programme



STAGE 1 (CT1–CT3)*

Generic professional domains – CT1 to ST7

- Professional behaviours and communication: demonstrates the professional values and behaviours that patients expect from their doctors
- Management and professional and regulatory requirements: undertakes managerial, administrative and organisational roles
- Team working: contributes to teams to enhance patient care
- Safety and quality improvement: improves the quality and safety of patient care
- Safeguarding: identifies vulnerable people and takes appropriate action
- Education and training: helps others to develop their professional practice
- Research and managing data: expands the understanding of anaesthetic practice

Specialty specific domains – CT1 to ST7

- Perioperative medicine and health promotion: facilitates safe multi-disciplinary perioperative care and promotes the principles of public health interventions and efficient use of healthcare resources
- General anaesthesia: provides safe and effective general anaesthesia
- Regional anaesthesia: provides safe and effective regional anaesthesia
- Resuscitation and transfer: resuscitates, stabilises and transfers critically ill patients safely
- Procedural sedation: provides safe and effective sedation
- Pain: manages pain
- Intensive Care: manages critical illness

STAGE 2 (ST4–ST5)

STAGE 3 (ST6–ST7)



Special interest areas:

Total of 12 months across ST6 and 7

Group 1: 6 to 12 months

- Anaesthesia for Cardiac Surgery
- Anaesthesia for Neurosurgery
- Obstetric Anaesthesia
- Paediatric Anaesthesia
- Pain Medicine

Additional Intensive Care: 6 months

Group 2: 3 to 6 months

- Acute Inpatient Pain
- Anaesthesia for Bariatric Surgery
- Anaesthesia for Complex Orthopaedic Surgery
- Anaesthesia for Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery
- Anaesthesia for Major General Surgery
- Anaesthesia for Ophthalmic Surgery
- Anaesthesia for Patients with Complex Airway
- Anaesthesia for Plastic Surgery and Burns Management
- Anaesthesia in Resource Poor Environments
- Anaesthesia for Thoracic Surgery
- Anaesthesia for Vascular Surgery
- Military Anaesthesia
- Perioperative Medicine
- Regional Anaesthesia
- Transfer Medicine
- Trauma and Stabilisation

Stage 3
certificate

IAC
First 3 to 6
months

IACO
CT2 and/or
CT3

Stage 1
certificate

Stage 2
certificate

PRIMARY FRCA EXAMS

FINAL FRCA EXAMS

DUAL STAGE 2 TRAINING
INCLUDING FFICM EXAMS

PHEM

DUAL STAGE 3 TRAINING

* Those in the ACCS programme will have an additional year at Stage 1.