

ST4 Self-assessment Webinar Q&A

At the end of the webinar attendees had the opportunity to ask questions. The following are a summary of the questions and answers to some of the questions.

Questions relating to very specific individual evidence were not answered. Please contact your educational supervisor, College Tutor or TPD if you need help in deciding what to upload or how your evidence scores.

You must refer to the self-assessment criteria, the self-assessment guidance and portfolio organisation score guidance on the ANRO website when you upload your evidence.

- 1. In domain 3 the scoring matrix states for 1 point you need more than 5 months experience for a point, but in the supplementary information it states that a 3 month period of regular locuming would score 1 point. What is the lower limit for 1 point? Thanks.**

Answer: To gain 1 point in domain 3 you need a minimum of 5 months experience in another speciality. A prolonged locum could count provided there is at least 5 months total experience

- 2. Should medical degree certificate be uploaded for domain 1?**

Answer: You do not need to upload your original undergraduate medical degrees to domain 1. Only upload certificates for additional degrees and qualifications that you are seeking points for

- 3. For domain 3 would a period of work classed as interim F1 (before foundation training during the pandemic) be counted?**

Answer: Only experience **after** foundation training counts in domain 3

- 4. Does a nomination certificate from a regional medical organisation count as a prize for domain 2?**

Answer: No, not a nomination - you will get points only if you have received the award.

- 5. Is it possible to get some clarification as to why a postgraduate masters undertaken prior to medicine does not score points, yet a MD/PhD does?**

Answer: A degree done prior to medicine may score points and a postgraduate masters done **AFTER** undergraduate medicine may score points. Please refer to the guidance document for details.

6. Can we use the same letter of support format if the evidence is from international medical college?

Answer: As long as it is signed by the supervisor from the College that you attended

7. Can we upload a prize in poster presentation in domain 2 for achievements prizes?

Answer: -You may be able to obtain points-in domain 2 if you have been awarded a prize for the same presentation, please see guidance document for details

8. for domain 4, can a certificate from the audit department stating my role count as evidence?

Answer: Yes, this would count but we would also need to see more details including the role that you have played in the project and a copy of the presentation of the audit and evidence that the recommendations had been implemented if applicable (see grid for points scoring)

9. Can you send the guidance for MDRS about additional certificates and degrees?

Answer: No - MDRS advise us and all other medical specialties about what they can and cannot put in self-assessment criteria. They review all of our documents before they are agreed and published. The MDRS publishes updates on this.

10. Can we use an Audit and Its poster presentation in national conference in two separate domains?

Answer: This is described in Domain 8 guidance

11. If we have completed a chapter in a published anaesthetic book does that count?

Answer: The answer to that is in the written guidance on publications - under book chapters (Page 12/13)

12. For the prizes domain, a teaching fellow given an award from a medical school for their teaching, which was across all the hospitals that medical school covers, would that count as regional?

Answer: No- teaching awards from single medical schools are local and not regional awards

- 13. I am an IMG, done my anaesthetic training abroad. I was awarded a prize for the best presentation at regional level during my training there. Does it count as an award in Domain 2?**

Answer: You may be able to gain points in domain 2 for this but you should discuss this with your educational supervisor or College Tutor so they can review your evidence.

- 14. If you work in Microbiology after undergraduate medicine will that account for points in domain 3?**

Answer: It depends on whether it was part of your foundation training or not - if it is post foundation and you have the appropriate WPBA/evidence it would count

- 15. If I present a poster presentation at a multiday conference and use this for evidence in domain 8 for presentations. Can I also use the same conference for CPD in domain 9?**

Yes, this may be able to be counted provided you have evidence that you presented AND attended the conference

- 16. I'm confused about the number of items in the portfolio organisation. You suggest we could put 4 pieces of evidence e.g. 4 certificates from 4 separate courses, into one PDF. Would this count as one item or four?**

Answer: You are advised to put all evidence in a domain into one pdf document as the assessor then only has one document to open. However it is likely that you will have more than 1 piece of evidence per PDF. Information about this is in the separate document on 'Portfolio Organisation Score' on the ANRO website.

- 17. Am I right in thinking an intercalated degree (MMedSc) that was described as a post graduate masters at time of completion, as post BMBS, will score zero points? This was at Southampton university**

Answer: If your degree was taken as part of your medical degree - an intercalated degree by description it does NOT count

- 18. If I did a QIP looking to improve service, and the intervention was introducing a weekly teaching programme for 6 months on which I taught on. Can I use the same evidence for both QI and teaching domains?**

Answer: Unless otherwise stated in the guidance document the same piece of evidence cannot be scored in more than one domain. This would apply to a QuiP on teaching. You are advised to look at the guidance document to see in which domain you would score most points, either domain 4 or 6.

19. How is authorship for collaborative studies scored (e.g. RECOVERY) within the research domain?

Answer: This depends on your involvement with the study. See guidance document for domain 5. A letter from your supervisor explaining your role would be useful evidence.

20. If I am a co-presenter in a poster presentation for domain 8, do I score points for it?

Answer: First authors and co-authors gain points for poster presentations

21. Does EDAIC count as an additional degree?

Answer: No points are given for EDAIC. See guidance for domain 1- no anaesthetic or ICM exams gain points.

22. Does that mean you cannot gain points for doing a QIP and presenting that QIP at a national conference?

Answer: Yes – you can score points for the QIP in Domain 4, and also points in Domain 8 (if it refers to the same QIP), as the majority of QIPs do not lead to a poster presentation.

23. I am presenting at an international conference that will happen 2 days after the submission deadline. Can I get a score for it?

Answer: No- all presentations have to have been given by the end of the portfolio upload window.

24. If I uploaded evidence with a high score, if refused will I be able to provide new evidence to get a lower score instead of losing the whole domain?

Answer: No, you cannot submit new evidence for a domain after the submission date closes. It would be better to submit both lots of evidence, as long as you do not exceed four pieces of evidence (excluding Domain 3).

25. Just to clarify, are you able to put different pieces of evidence that score different points for the same domain. For example I may think I score 4 on a particular domain, but can I put a piece of evidence that may score 2 in case the first piece of evidence is discounted?

Answer: Yes, as long as you don't exceed four pieces of evidence (excluding Domain 3)

26. Does FCAI count as an additional degree?

Answer: Unfortunately, it has been agreed that no anaesthetic or ICM exams will count in Domain 1, whether from the UK or any other country.

- 27. If I have a main job as Stage 1 trainee and also have another honorary contract as a separate trust (e.g. medical education fellow), does work done as part of the honorary contract count as work done 'since commencing anaesthetic training'?**

Answer: Yes – for example, teaching done as part of this will still count as occurring since commencing anaesthetic training. This should be counted in domain 6 not in domain 3

- 28. That means we can upload 4 PDFs, is that correct?**

Answer: Yes – up to four pieces of evidence per domain (excluding Domain 3).

- 29. Would you like a contents page for the PDF which has multiple evidence in?**

Answer: That is very helpful, but not essential.

- 30. ESSR suggested as evidence for prior experience in complementary specialty but this is many pages and includes lots of SLEs - would you prefer some pages are removed or upload as is?**

Answer: Domain 3 is the only domain where more than 4 pieces of evidence can be provided. A ESSR can be provided including supervisors comments but you don't need to upload all the SLEs/personal activities within it. Or you can submit several SLEs to support demonstrating achieving educational outcomes, that is acceptable.

- 31. When submitting evidence for teaching for example if you are unsure if you would score for making a major contribution to a regional teaching programme but have also completed a PGCert in medical education. How would you advise evidence to be submitted? Should both be submitted?**

Answer: Submitting a PGCert would be one piece of evidence and scores 4 points .You can submit evidence of the PG cert as well as evidence of a major contribution to a regional teaching programme if you are not sure if you have enough evidence for this provided you don't exceed the maximum number of uploads.

- 32. Does organising a course but not actually teaching in the course count towards teaching?**

Answer: It may – the evidence needs to be submitted before your assessor can decide.

- 33. If after this webinar, I've realised I could score higher in some domains, can I upload the evidence for the higher points (and should I do this instead of the lower points)? Thank you**

Answer: Yes – but in this case you need to submit an explanation why you are increasing your score.

34. What if evidences are more than 5 year old for an IMG graduate? Do they still count?

Answer: If the only evidence an applicant has for a domain is more than 5 years old (eg QI), or 7 years for LTFT, then it can be submitted; however, as stated in the Guidance, this may result in a reduced score.

35. What evidence is needed for completion of QIP?

Answer: Please see Guidance

36. Apologies if this has been covered already, but is a recorded video presentation to go with a poster at an international conference going to score for presenting, or only if it is live? Thanks!

Answer: if this is the equivalent of standing by a poster at an in-person event, it will not score any more points.

37. May I ask where we will be able to locate this recording at a later date?

Answer: [Recruitment into anaesthesia | The Royal College of Anaesthetists \(rcoa.ac.uk\)](https://www.rcoa.ac.uk)

38. It was during the pandemic, there were reduced number of live poster presentations, but not played to the auditorium. Thanks!

Answer: It should be submitted as a poster – thanks

39. What is the weightage of portfolio score with regards to interview score for the final selection?

Answer: Max 55 out of total score of 155

40. When uploading evidence in domain 1, I know that intercalated degrees do not count for points but the guidance criteria tells us to upload all degree certificates. Should I still upload my intercalation certificate?

Answer: No

41. Does distinction in a course award any points?

Answer: Please submit the evidence and the assessor will decide.

42. Could you include being an educational supervisor for a number of medical students over a year as leadership and management?

Answer: Please submit the evidence and the assessor will decide.

43. According to the guidance, I can score as a carer for domain 10? How do I evidence this?

Answer: This should best be discussed with an Ed Sup or College Tutor

44. I'm a digital clinician lead for EPR programme in the hospital, does it score 3 in domain 10?

Answer: We cannot confirm a score without seeing submitted evidence. Please submit it and the assessor will review your evidence.

45. Does having MRCP part 2 completion gain a score for domain 1?

Answer: See guidance.

46. Apologies if this has already been asked. What sort of score has historically been required to be shortlisted for interview?

Answer We cannot answer this as every round is different- it depends on how the cohort of applicants scores. If shortlisting is used interview slots will be given from the highest self-assessment score down to the lowest score to fill all the available interview slots.

47. I'm confused about the prizes - you can get 1 point for 'a prize or award from my foundation training or equivalent', but you can get 4 points for 'I have a prize awarded at postgraduate level by a national or international medical organisation' - Does foundation level not count as postgraduate?

Answer: Yes – 1 point would be gained for a locally awarded prize in Foundation (eg "FY of the Year" in a local Trust); however, a prize awarded nationally or internationally would score 4 points, even if awarded whilst an FY.

48. For the graph presented earlier with applicant score vs verified score distribution, did this include the POS?

Answer: No

49. If I have an overseas letter of evidence, is it a must to be from an official email?

Answer: Yes

50. Sorry, so a prize awarded at an international conference but during foundation years does not count?

Answer – see above.

51. If I have a publication in The Gas Newsletter does this score points in the publication domain?

Answer: The Gas Newsletter is not a peer-reviewed journal so would not gain points.

52. If I have a prize for scoring the highest marks in post graduate exams as an IMG, how much does that score as a prize/award?

Answer: We cannot confirm a score without seeing submitted evidence. But it would need to be the equivalent of being awarded a specific prize from the RCoA not a high score.

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