

Equivalence – The What’s, The Why’s and The How’s

MS Teams Webinar – 17th September 2021 (12:00-12:45)

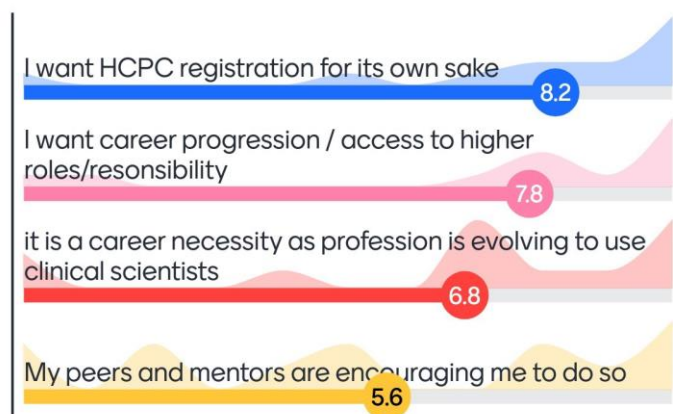
Opener/introduction – <i>Go to www.menti.com</i>	Claire Cameron	3 mins
What is Equivalence and how NES can help support	Rob Farley	5 mins
Why go through Equivalence – the benefits of a registrant <i>career progression, reassurance to service users and patients</i>	Jane Lynch	5 mins
Why do I need Equivalence? – the viewpoint of a Physiologist currently in the process	Bianca Brownlee	5 mins
How do you go through Equivalence? – AHCS overview	Elaine Jenkins	5 mins
How I demonstrated Equivalence – an applicant's view	Ramya Bhatia	5 mins
How Equivalence can open professional doors	Jo Horne	5 mins
Q & A, discussion.	Panel	10 mins

38 participants.

Audience responses to opening poll

I am interested in equivalence because:

 Mentimeter



Key messages from speakers

- NES support for equivalence applications is open until 31 March 2022 OR earlier if fund is exhausted. Covers applications to AHCS, ACS and IBMS for STP/clinical scientist portfolio assessment, and IBMS assessment of undergraduate degrees for Biomedical Scientist recognition.
Details at <http://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/hcstrainees/equivalence-routes.aspx>
- **ACS guidance** is at <https://assclinsci.org/applicants/my-route-to-registration/>
- **AHCS guidance** is at <https://www.ahcs.ac.uk/equivalence/equivalence-guidance/>
- **IBMS guidance:**
 - <https://www.ibms.org/registration/hcpc-registration/>
 - <https://www.ibms.org/registration/degree-assessment-for-hcpc-registration/>
 - <https://www.ibms.org/registration/experiential-route-to-hcpc-registration/>
- Good Scientific Practice was revised on 1st September 2021
- Benefits of Equivalence include “future-proofing”, demonstrating attainment of an external standard, becoming statutory registered
- Put patients at the centre of your practice, even if your role is not patient-facing
- Be aware of all relevant legislation, the risks involved in working in healthcare environments, and approaches to risk management and mitigation to uphold the health and safety of all parties
- Comparability with STP programme is key; reasonable not to be strong in all areas – additional strength in one will compensate for weaker areas... it is a judgement call
- Expect to expend effort... state registration is the goal and it is hard won!
- However, don't overthink it. Start with making a list of possible evidence and identify gaps. Follow the mapping templates and show how your evidence demonstrates the standard. Give yourself a deadline.
- You don't need too many pieces of evidence – be concise but include the right pieces of evidence to demonstrate the standard in question
- Get help and speak to others who have done it recently
- **GOOD LUCK!**

STP Equivalence Examples of evidence:

Professional Practice

- List of courses/training
- Reflections
- CPD register
- Reference letter from colleague, or someone you have trained

Scientific Practice & Research Development and Innovation

- List of publications
- Audits
- Validations
- Grants/ projects

Clinical Practice

- List of courses/training
- Reflections/ ward rounds
- Audits

Clinical leadership

- Conferences, meetings, societies
- STEM/ public engagement
- Grants/ projects

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