

# Ready for revalidation ➤ one year to go

We're getting ready to start revalidation in late 2012. Revalidation is how you will regularly show you are up to date and fit to practise. It will be based on annual appraisal and implemented gradually. Find out what you need to do to get ready.

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# Revalidation

## ➤ what you need to do

### Now

- **Have regular appraisals.** You won't be able to revalidate unless you have them. If you're not being appraised, ask your employer when this will happen.
- **Read our guidance on the information you will need to collect to show how you are meeting the standards in *Good Medical Practice*.** Find it at [www.gmc-uk.org/revalidation](http://www.gmc-uk.org/revalidation).
- **Set up a GMC Online account if you haven't already.** You will need this before revalidation begins. Set it up at [www.gmc-uk.org](http://www.gmc-uk.org).
- **Consider whether you need a licence to practise.** Only licensed doctors will need to revalidate. So, if you don't work in the UK, or your role doesn't require you to have a licence, it may be better for you to give it up. Find out more at [www.gmc-uk.org/licensing](http://www.gmc-uk.org/licensing).

### In spring 2012

- **We will ask you for information about where you work.** For revalidation, you will link to the GMC through one organisation. We will need to know which organisation this is to revalidate you. You don't need to do anything about this now. We will send you more information next year.

### At the end of 2012

- **The first doctors will be told when they will revalidate.** Over the next few years, we expect that every licensed doctor will be revalidated for the first time. We will let you know in good time when you will revalidate.

### Leave the rest to us

Right now, everything else to prepare for revalidation is down to your employer, the GMC, the four UK health departments and organisations such as England's NHS Revalidation Support Team. That includes making sure it will work for all doctors and that all organisations can support doctors with revalidation.

### Got a question?

Take a look at our frequently asked questions at [www.gmc-uk.org/revalidation](http://www.gmc-uk.org/revalidation). If you can't find what you're looking for then call us on 0161 923 6602 or email [gmc@gmc-uk.org](mailto:gmc@gmc-uk.org).