

Guidance for existing award holders on applications for Clinical Excellence Awards

1. Table 1 below shows the awards that consultants may apply for now that step 9 is part of the regional process. Consultants are normally expected to move through the awards process one step at a time, but consultants holding 4-7 local awards may apply for either the next highest local award or the first value of the higher awards (step 9).

Table 1 - Awards that may be applied for

Award Held	May Apply For
No award	Step 1
1 DP/Step 1	Step 2
2 DP/Step 2	Step 3
3 DP/Step 3	Step 4
4 DP/Step 4	Step 5 or 9
5 DP/Step 5	Step 6 or 9
6 DP/Step 6	Step 7 or 9
7 DP/Step 7	Step 8 or 9
8 DP	Step 8 or 9
Step 8	Step 9
Step 9	Step 10
Step 10	Step 11
Step 11	Step 12
B Award	Step 10
A Award	Step 12

2. Consultants cannot apply for both a lower award and a higher award in the same year.
3. Employers have discretion to make more than one lower award in a single year.