

Process for Awarding an ARCP Outcome 6

Outcome 6 Recommendation for completion of training:

Gained all required competences; will be recommended as having completed the training programme and for award of a CCST by the GDC, as applicable.

The panel will need to consider the overall progress of the trainee and ensure that all the competences of the curriculum have been achieved. This includes satisfactory continuous assessment, ARCP, as well as passing the final college examination as required by the curriculum. If both have been assessed as satisfactory, trainees in programmes leading to a CCST will be recommended to the GDC as having completed the training programme and recommended for the award of CCST.

Role of the General Dental Council as Regulator

The GDC is responsible for awarding CCSTs on the recommendation of the PGDD who is in turn responsible for the management of the training programme and trainees.

When a trainee is within four months of completion of their specialty programme the PGDD may recommend to the GDC the award of a CCST using the CCST recommendation form (Appendix 8). The recommendation to the GDC must follow a satisfactory ARCP Outcome 6 as well as success in the relevant exit exam.

- The GDC will send to the trainee an application form for the award of CCST
- If the GDC accepts the PGDD's recommendation and receives from the trainee a valid completed form, it will issue the CCST. The trainee may then apply for inclusion on the relevant specialist list.

Outcome 6 Process

There are two scenarios

1. Trainee progressing fine. In this case they will need an ARCP within 4 months of their completion date. At this ARCP they can be given an outcome 6 (their completion date is also recorded on ISCP). This should trigger the letter from HEE to the GDC (copied to SAC) recommending the award of the CCST on the date of their completion of training.
2. Trainee on a 3 who needs to demonstrate achieving a discreet piece of evidence (basically almost always passing of an exam) after which we would be happy to outcome 6. This can be agreed at the ARCP immediately before the exam (which they will have as a result of failing the exam). They have an ARCP set up after the exam. If exam is passed the evidence is checked by all parties (external, ADD, TPD and Lay person) remotely (within the context of that post exam ARCP) and the TPD can then enter an outcome 6. In terms of this ARCP we don't need to ask the trainee to have to upload all the normal evidence – this has been checked and judged sufficient – so at the pre-exam ARCP we would need to stipulate exactly what is required (likely only evidence of passing exam).