

## LAT Credit Policy - Effective as of 1st August 2011

Specialty Training Registrars (StRs) may have training undertaken in a Locum Appointment for Training (LAT) post credited towards their total training in a given specialty and the related CCT or CESR CP. The following guidance sets out the circumstances where credit can be claimed, and the procedure to be followed:

- The LAT post must be an approved specialty training post, with the appointment made according to the specialty Person Specification in open and fair competition. In all respects the LAT post should be equivalent to a training post within a full specialty programme, with the exception of limited tenure.
- From August 2011, an StR in a LAT post must be enrolled with the JRCPTB *prior* to the finish date of the LAT post in order for the post to count towards specialty training. This is to enable access to the appropriate assessment tools via the JRCPTB ePortfolio to demonstrate attainment of required competences.
- Retrospective credit for LAT posts previously undertaken will not be granted from August 2011 onwards. For LAT posts which have already been completed, but for which credit has not yet been sought, *training credit must be applied for by 31 July 2011, together with an accompanying educational supervisor report or ARCP.*
- As of August 2011, enrolled LAT posts of 3 months or more will *automatically* count towards training where satisfactory progress is confirmed or unless otherwise notified by the host deanery.
- By definition, a LAT post must be a minimum of 3 months. On occasions, a trainee working in a LAT post may not complete this time before acquiring a numbered post or further LAT appointment. Under these circumstances, a period of less than 3 months worked in a LAT post will *not* count towards training unless it is seamlessly (ie no delay between exiting LAT and commencing new post) linked to an appointment to an ST3 post with a NTN, or another LAT post in the same deanery and programme.
- For any LAT post of 12 months duration, an ARCP outcome 7.1 from the host deanery must be submitted in order to demonstrate progression against the curriculum. For any LAT post of less than 12 months duration which has not coincided with an ARCP in the host deanery, an educational supervisor report confirming satisfactory progress must accompany the request for credit of the LAT post.
- In accordance with the Gold Guide, more than 12 months of LAT can be counted towards training as long as appropriate progression against the curriculum is confirmed with an ARCP for each 12 months of training undertaken. The JRCPTB will approve more than one year, but only if it is undertaken in a progressive programme and approved in its entirety by the postgraduate dean and with a recommendation from the programme director.
- A training pattern made up entirely of LAT posts will not result in the award of a CCT, as stipulated in the Gold Guide.