



ROYAL COLLEGE OF  
PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

## PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE SCHEMES IN RCPI



**Do you need to Register?**

# Do you need to enrol on a Professional Competence Scheme?

If you are registered on the Specialist, General or Supervised Division of the Medical Register of Ireland, and not currently in a recognised training programme, you are required by law to enrol on a Professional Competence Scheme.

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland operates Professional Competence Schemes in the following specialties:

- **General Internal Medicine, and its subspecialties**
- **Obstetrics and Gynaecology**
- **Occupational Medicine**
- **Paediatrics**
- **Pathology, and its subspecialties**
- **Public Health Medicine**

If you are working in one of the above specialties, registered on the Specialist, General or Supervised Division of the Medical Register, and not currently in a recognised training programme, then you need to enrol on a Professional Competence Scheme **now**.

## If you enrol on a Professional Competence Scheme, what do you have to do?

If you enrol on a Professional Competence Scheme, you will be required to:

- Engage in 50 hours of CPD and one clinical audit per year
- Retain documentation relating to your maintenance of professional competence activities
- From 2012, you will receive a statement of participation from the Professional Competence Scheme in which you are enrolled. You may be requested to provide documentation to support participation in maintenance of professional competence activities.
- From 2012, you will declare to the Medical Council that you are maintaining your professional competence. You may be requested to provide documentation to support your declaration.

## How do you enrol on a Professional Competence Scheme?

You can enrol on an RCPI Professional Competence Scheme by completing an online application form on the RCPI website [www.rcpi.ie](http://www.rcpi.ie) - Look for the *Professional Competence* link on the left side of the homepage.

It costs €250 to enrol on a Professional Competence Scheme for one year. Discounts are available to doctors who are Fellows, Members or Licentiates of the College and its Faculties and Institute. Please check [www.rcpi.ie](http://www.rcpi.ie) for more information.

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