



2026 ST3 Obstetrics and Gynaecology National Self-Assessment Guidance

Listed below are the self-assessment Domain questions that appear on the application form along with the associated guidance regarding evidence requirements per Domain. You will be expected to upload evidence after you have submitted an application, in line with the published timeline. NB. Individual scoring criterion are not included and you should refer to these in the application form or via our [web site](#) where they are published.

Please refer to this guidance when completing your application to ensure that you are able to supply the necessary evidence to support your chosen scoring option in each Domain. If you are unable to supply any of the required evidence you may wish to choose another scoring option for which evidence is available, as you will not be able to select another scoring option later in the process or once your application has been submitted. Any lack of evidence, or lack of clarity provided by applicants at the evidence upload stage will lead to an amendment of the score. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide clear and unambiguous evidence for the process.

If it is discovered that any response is false or misleading (including incidences of deliberate over-scoring in order to achieve the minimum scoring requirement), evidence will be collected, and you may be referred to a Probity Panel. This may result in escalation to the respective governing body, e.g. GMC.

We reserve the right to use anti-plagiarism software.

You will be required to submit a separate PDF file for each of the Self-Assessment questions and note that no evidence may be used for multiple Domains.

The panel will only be able to assess the evidence you provide; they will not contact you to request additional evidence. You are therefore requested to provide all evidence in a clear format so that this can easily be identified and assessed. We would recommend that you create a simple Word document for each Domain and include a **short** note as to how you believe you meet the chosen scoring option and directing verifiers to which pieces of evidence supplied support this, i.e. How and where they evidence the required criteria. This should not exceed a paragraph or two or short bullet points, as lengthy documents will not be read, as verifiers will not have the time to do so.

The recruitment office is not able to advise you about which response you should select for any question. You must select the response you feel you will be able to justify to the panel, using the evidence you provide. Please note that no evidence can be submitted retrospectively. Evidence should **not** contain patient identifiable data.

***All time periods stated refer to Whole/Full Time Equivalent (WTE) of employment (excluding any periods of statutory leave). It is your responsibility to provide evidence via employment history uploaded to the evidence portal (not Oriel) to allow verifiers to establish where evidence is time period specific. Failure to supply clarity in this regard will result in an applied time period based on a Full Time working pattern up to the date of application opening. You may use the employment history template document provided in the application form attached documents for this purpose. NB. Your employment history in Oriel will **not** self-populate this, you must complete it yourself and upload it to the evidence portal together with all your supporting Domain evidence when requested.**

Question 1 – Postgraduate Medical Qualifications

At the time of application opening (20 November 2025), do you have any university **awarded** qualifications other than an undergraduate medical degree?

Please do not score the same qualification in more than one domain. NB. Please refer to Domain 3 – Research before scoring this Domain.

Evidence:

- Evidence for this Domain has no specified time period but **must not** be dated after the 20 November 2025.
- Please provide your degree certificate. NB. Only fully completed qualifications with certificate or official letter of proof of outcome will be counted.
- The definition of ‘Masters’ used here represents a period of training in a nationally recognised university-associated institution separate to standard undergraduate and postgraduate training programmes. A mandatory element of achieving a ‘Masters’ will be the submission of an essay or dissertation, deemed of sufficient quality and content by external assessors and/or an examination process. A Masters would be expected to cover a specific area of learning for example leadership, management, education or an allied field of medicine not covered in detail by standard medical student or postgraduate curricula. NB. Masters in Education may only be claimed under Domain 4 – Teaching.
- For the above reason Non-UK Masters qualifications in O&G cannot generally be counted. The rationale for this decision is that they represent a period of training in a non-UK training hospital associated with a submission of an essay or audit, the equivalent of which would not count as a Masters in the UK and as such this would unfairly advantage those trainees who have used this to score marks in this category. However, we do acknowledge that there are Masters qualifications that would count and that these should evidence a period of learning in a recognised institution, with an assessment by external assessors of a dissertation and or examination process. It would be expected to cover a specific area of learning for example leadership, management or education, as detailed and explained in the definition provided in the above point – please ensure any claim made meets the requirements of this definition and that you are able to sufficiently evidence this.
- Further specific common examples, for purposes of clarity, are Masters in O&G from Egypt or India, which are qualifications at the level of MRCOG Parts 2 & 3 and are therefore also not equivalent to a UK Masters in a **specialist subject** and so cannot be counted. This may not be limited to the countries mentioned.
- MRCPi is no longer accepted under Postgraduate qualifications.
- Please ensure that any qualification claimed for is **university awarded** or awarded by an organization affiliated with a university. Any awards and/or certificates for non-university courses, etc, will not be eligible to score and will be rejected, e.g. paid for courses run by external organisations.
- University awarded qualifications should be of a significant depth and duration to qualify, i.e. short 1-2 day and/or week courses will not count.

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Question 2 – Quality Improvement Projects (QIP)

At the time of application opening (20 November 2025), how many complete quality improvement projects (QIP) have **you undertaken** in the last 36 months (WTE)* of employment (excluding any periods of statutory leave)? Evidence for no more than a total 2 QIP should be included.

NB. QIPs cannot be counted under Domain Question 6 - Presentations

Evidence:

- Evidence for this Domain must be dated between 20 November 2022 and 20 November 2025, unless you can demonstrate any period(s) of statutory leave or less than full time employment, in which case it may be extended to cover a 3-year WTE (whole time equivalent) period but must still not be dated after 20 November 2025.
- For each QIP please provide a summary (e.g. PowerPoint presentation) –including:
 - QIP details
 - Action plan
 - Evaluations/re-audit/assessment to quantify impact of intervention, led by yourself.
 - Dates QIP undertaken
 - Clear evidence of where/when it was presented and the intended audience (ie. local/regional/national/international) eg. Official Conference/meeting agenda
- Please evidence **your** involvement in each QIP e.g. email acknowledgement of registration of QIP with Clinical Governance team or response from QIP lead and/or written signed confirmation on letter headed paper from Educational Supervisor or QIP Lead for local, regional, national or international change.
- Although QIPs cannot be counted under Domain Question 6 – Presentations, if you do not have sufficient evidence to claim a QIP or QIPs under this Domain 2 – QIPs but you have QIP presentation evidence, then this can be counted in isolation under Domain 6 – Presentations instead. NB. You cannot double-count any evidence.
- As this Domain has a time constraint on evidence, please ensure you have provided a copy of your employment history if you have undertaken any periods of less than full time employment and/or statutory sickness and/or have any employment gaps that will impact on the set time period.

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Question 3 - Research

At the time of application opening (20 November 2025), have you been involved in any research? Please do not score the same qualification in more than one domain. Please refer to Domain 1 before scoring this Domain.

Evidence:

- Evidence for this Domain has no specified time period but **must not** be dated after the 20 November 2025.
- PhD certificate, if applicable
- PhD/MD and other higher degrees: must be awarded to get full marks (i.e. completed, examined and results awarded)
- Signed headed letter from research supervisor/project sponsor confirming your role in the research project **and** copy of research project summary/abstract
- Research to be evidenced by degree or publications which are first author, if applicable
- The definition of 'MD' used here is a full-time, usually one- or two-year, research undertaking that is **not** part of a standard undergraduate or postgraduate training programme. If applicable, you must evidence your MD is **not** part of a standard training programme, i.e. acquired subsequent to gaining MBBBS or equivalent
- Please note that shorter periods of research are often taken routinely as an element of the standard Primary Medical Qualification and these cannot be counted as an MD, i.e. they cannot be used to evidence significant involvement in research.
- GCP (Good Clinical Practice) certificate.

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Question 4 - Teaching

At the time of application opening (20 November 2025), please select the statement that best describes your experience in formal teaching events?

Please note a teaching session should be for a minimum of 30 mins. Clinical supervision should not be included.

Evidence:

- Evidence for this Domain has no specified time period but **must not** be dated after the 20 November 2025.
- Please provide evaluation from teaching events which should include the date, time and target audience.
- Signed headed letter confirming involvement in a teaching programme
- Overview of lectures delivered, and feedback received – if you do not provide this, your score will be amended to informal teaching
- Evidence of course attendance/completion/certification, as applicable
- Do not include presenting a QIP project as teaching, nor presenting own research etc. at a meeting
- Please supply any supporting qualification/course certificates
- If applicable, evidence your MD is **not** part of a standard training programme, i.e. acquired subsequent to gaining MBBBS or equivalent
- Please note 5th year PACES teaching can be counted at the appropriate level (Score: 1), provided teaching evidence and associated feedback at medical student level can be provided.
- RCP physician educator qualification can be counted at the appropriate level (Score: 3), provided the respective certificate and other supporting evidence can be provided.
- PG Certificates **in Education** may be scored under this Domain only

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Question 5 – Academic Publications

Have you achieved any publications within the last 60 months (WTE)* prior to 20 November 2025?
This excludes posters and published abstracts. NB. Posters may be counted under the Presentations and Poster Presentations domain category (Q6).

Evidence:

- Evidence for this Domain must be dated between 20 November 2020 and 20 November 2025, unless you can demonstrate any period(s) of statutory leave or less than full time employment, in which case it may be extended to cover a 3-year WTE (whole time equivalent) period but must still not be dated after 20 November 2025.
- For each publication, please include a screenshot or pdf copy of the publication or the acceptance letter from the relevant journal. **Please note: PubMed index evidence is required.**
- Do not include publication of a poster or an oral presentation abstract as these will not be counted as evidence.
- Un-submitted or submitted but not yet accepted evidence cannot be counted.
- Non-PubMed indexed publications can only score under criteria score 1.
- As this Domain has a time constraint on evidence, please ensure you have provided a copy of your employment history if you have undertaken any periods of less than full-time employment and/or statutory sickness and/or have any employment gaps that will impact on the set time period.

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Question 6 – Presentations and Poster Presentations

At the time of application opening (20 November 2025), have you given an oral and/or poster presentation within the last 36 months (WTE)*?

NB. QIP presentations can only be counted under Domain 2 - QIP and **CANNOT** be counted in this Domain unless you have not been able to include/claim under Domain 2 (see note below).

Evidence:

- Evidence for this Domain must be dated between 20 November 2022 and 20 November 2025, unless you can demonstrate any period(s) of statutory leave or less than full-time employment, in which case it may be extended to cover a 3-year WTE (whole time equivalent) period but must still not be dated after 20 November 2025.
- Please provide a copy of the relevant page or digital screenshot of the meeting programme(s) naming you as a presenter. NB. If claiming for regional/national/international credit it must be clear from evidence provided that it is not a local meeting. It is not the location of the meeting but the audience and organizing body, e.g. A national meeting would be organized by a national body, a regional meeting implies a meeting of a regional organization both of which could be held at the local Trust/hospital where you were working at the time.
- Please provide a copy of the presentation material, i.e. Presentation slides/poster
- QIP presentations may not normally be claimed under this Domain, however, if you have not been able to claim for a QIP presentation under Domain 2, providing you have the required evidence you may claim for it under this Domain instead. It may not be counted under both Domains.
- As this Domain has a time constraint on evidence, please ensure you have provided a copy of your employment history if you have undertaken any periods of less than full-time employment and/or statutory sickness and/or have any employment gaps that will impact on the set time period.

Please ensure you review your chosen scoring options carefully, **prior** to submitting your application, as if you are subsequently unable to provide satisfactory evidence for the chosen scoring criteria your score may be reduced to '0' and had you alternative evidence for a lower scoring option, you will not have the opportunity to claim for this after your application submission.

If you are unsure you should refer carefully to all published guidance and note that the recruitment team may **not** review **any** evidence outside of the published evidence upload window and via the evidence portal. They may respond to questions if you are unclear regarding an element of the published guidance or if your circumstances are not covered by the guidance. In such cases please contact england.obsjobs.nw@nhs.net