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**Update from The Forum of Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies
Regarding Allocation of Training Places**

All applicants, no matter their citizenship, can apply to training programmes as long as they fulfil the eligibility requirements which include Medical Council registration, English language and any other training programme eligibility requirements. The application of the EU/EAA policy will not come into effect until interviews have been completed.

Unfortunately it is not within the remit of the training bodies nor the HSE to make a judgement on any citizenship application. It isn't possible or appropriate, for the purposes of the application process, for a training body to make a determination on citizenship on anything other than current passport/citizenship certificate. We are neither qualified to make that determination nor do we have the authority, so we will have to deal with the policy as it exists now and seek reassurance at the final stage (training place offer) from HSE NDTP that the correct interpretation of the guidance has been applied.

The [current guidance](#) from the Department of Health and HSE NDTP is that places on the Specialist Training Programmes are allocated in the first instance to candidates who are citizens of Ireland or nationals of another member state of the European Union. The Department of Health and the HSE reserve the right to review the policy position regarding citizenship and any changes will be reflected on our website.

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Faculty of Dentistry, RCSI	Faculty of Sports & Exercise Medicine, RCPI & RCSI	Irish Surgical Postgraduate Training Committee
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