



Message from the Faculty of Radiologists

We are coming to the end of the 2nd year of the Professional Competence Scheme and wanted to draw attention to a few items to assist registrants with meeting their targets.

Should you require clarification on anything in the newsletter, or have any queries on the Professional Competence Scheme, please don't hesitate to contact the office by phone (01-402 2139) or by email (pcs@radiology.ie). A PCS helpdesk will be available at the Spring meeting in Belfast if you need assistance with MedHub or the scheme in general.

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Credits Required for PCS year 2

To meet the targets for the Professional Competence Scheme, the following credits are required:
50 minimum credits per year, plus clinical audit

The credits are broken down into the following categories:

External:	20	} 50 credits required
Internal:	20	
Personal learning:	5	
Research & teaching:	2 desirable	

Clinical Audit: 12 credits

Adding credits on MedHub

To ensure that the credits you enter on MedHub feed correctly to your portfolio, here are a few tips:

Dates

Any activities that take place between 1 May 2012 and 30 April 2013 can be added to MedHub for this PCS year. As MedHub is an American system, if you are entering dates manually, they should be entered in the format mm/dd/yyyy. If you enter the dates in a European format, it may prevent you from adding credits. To ensure that dates are entered correctly, we recommend that you use the drop down calendar which has been added to MedHub.

Activities spanning more than one PCS year

If an entry in your portfolio encompasses more than one PCS year i.e. from 1st February 2012 to 30th June 2012, the credits will only appear in one PCS year—the year of the start date. If you have received a certificate that does span more than one year, it is best to break it up to ensure that all your credits feed correctly to your statement of participation.

Credit type

When adding an activity to MedHub, make sure to choose the correct credit type from the list as this will determine which category the activity will appear in on your certificate. If you are unsure as to what category an activity should be entered in, contact the office and we will do our best to assist you.

Certificates of attendance

All credits claimed should be accompanied by verification of attendance, i.e. a certificate. If you do not have the certificate at the time of adding the credits, you can go back later and amend the entry to include the certificate.

Acceptable Files

MedHub will accept a number of different file types, but there are also some that will not be saved. These include html and .cfm files, which is the format in which some RSNA certificates are produced. If you receive files like that, it would be best to save it as a pdf or print it out and scan it. If you have any difficulties with this, contact Sarah in the office and she will be happy to assist you.

Statements of Participation

Statements of participation for PCS Year 2 will be available in mid-May. They will be accessible from the CME participation statement tab in MedHub:



The statement will display your credits for PCS Year 2, as well as for PCS Year 1 if you were registered for it. We will email all registrants when the certificates are available on the system. They can be printed or saved from MedHub.

Verification Process

A number of registrants with the Faculty's PCS have been selected to be part of the annual Faculty verification process, and have already been advised of this. Participants were randomly selected, and the process will check the CPD credits which have been uploaded to MedHub, as well as the supporting documentation, as per regulations laid down by the Medical Council. Anyone selected for the process will not be eligible for selection for the next 2 years. This is a separate process to the Medical Council Audit which will take place later in the year.

Payment of Fees for 2012-14

If you have not yet paid your Annual Subscriptions or PCS fees for 2012-14, we would appreciate it if these could be paid as soon as possible.

Upcoming Meetings

The Faculty provides accreditation for a number of meetings every year. If you are organising a meeting that you think would be eligible for external credits, please contact the faculty office. Below is a list of upcoming meetings that may be of interest to Diagnostic Radiologists/Radiation Oncologists:

Date	Meeting	Location	Credits	Information
13 April	Radiation Oncology Updates Meeting	Ballymascanlon Hotel, Co Louth	2.75 credits	Email
16 April	Southern Radiological Society	UCC	2 credits	
19-20 April	Combined Spring Meeting	Hilton Hotel, Belfast	9.5 Credits	Email Programme
20-21 April	British Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine Spring Symposium	Oxford	Day 1: 6 credits Day 2: tbc Credits awarded by Federation of Royal Colleges	http://www.bimm.org.uk/symposia/
11 May	Neuroimaging study day: Clinical and Research Applications with a focus on Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease	UCD	5 credits	Programme
16-17 May	15th Mater International Breast Cancer Meeting	Mater Hospital, Dublin	16 May: 3 credits per workshop. 17 May: 6 credits.	Programme Email
18 May	Clinical Audit & Risk Study Day	UCD	5 credits	Programme
21 May	Southern Radiological Society	UCC	2 credits	
4-7 June	ESGAR	Barcelona	24 credits	ESGAR Programme
13-18 June	Belfast Cardiac CT Course	Queen's University, Belfast	6 credits per day	Programme
20 June	Southern Radiological Society	UCC	2 credits	
26-28 Sept	Faculty of Radiologists Annual Scientific Meeting	RCSI, Dublin	TBC	Email Information