

London and South East Pharmacy

Removal of Re-Accreditation process for all Accreditations

Accreditation programmes to support development of pharmacy technicians with Final Accuracy Checking, Medicines Management and Pre-and In Process Checking have been delivered across London and South East for a number of years.

These accreditations were supported by National Frameworks developed by the National Pharmacy Education and Development Committee. Within the frameworks there is guidance for a re-accreditation process. This process is open to local interpretation and historically required pharmacy technicians to submit evidence every two years to their education provider. The requirement was based on the skills taught and assessed being seen as an extension to their core role.

As services have modernised and pharmacy technicians have become a registered profession, this is no longer a requirement. It is recognised that Pharmacy Technicians carrying out either a final accuracy check or medicines optimisation role will have an up to date and relevant job description. Therefore the process of demonstrating competence should be monitored through the appraisal and any continuing fitness to practise regulatory requirements.

From 1st September 2016, HEE LaSE Pharmacy removed the requirement for practising ACPTs to submit evidence. Guidance was issued that stated staff should follow local processes and procedures and ensure they are practising within local standard operating procedures and the remits of their job descriptions.

From 1st February 2017 we have aligned this process to the re-accreditation requirements for all remaining pharmacy technician accreditations;

- Medicines Management and
- Pre and In-Process Accreditations.

There is no national or regulatory requirement for education providers to re-accredit for these programmes. Staff should work within local Standard Operating Procedures and demonstrate the competences for the job role they are performing to their employer.

Therefore HEE LaSE Pharmacy will not be issuing any future Re-accreditation Certificates. **Please disregard the expiry date on your current certificate and print a copy of this document and append to your latest certificate, to explain the change in regional approach to re-accreditation.**

We would recommend that If Pharmacy Technicians are transferring to another region, they evidence their current practice. This can be done by requesting a reference or letter from their current employer.

The original certificate demonstrates that the pharmacy technician met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the relevant national framework at that point in time.

If you have any further queries, please email lasepharmacy@hee.nhs.uk

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