

## Covid-19 Pre-registration Update

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We recognise that this is an extremely challenging and uncertain time for all involved in pre-registration training and that there is frustration that this situation has not been resolved to date.

We commend the progress that many trainees and tutors have been able to make during this period, with about one third of trainees and tutors having completed the 39-week appraisals. At the current stage of the pre-registration year, trainees are regularly producing high quality cycles for tutor validation.

We would like to assure you that we have been working as quickly as possible with the Department of Health and others to deliver an appropriate, sustainable and attainable solution that will be in the best interests of pre-registration trainees and pharmacy services, whilst also protecting patient safety.

We are currently exploring plans for the period between now and the postponed examinations, including the possibility of a form of provisional registration for current pre-registration trainees. You will appreciate that this is a complex and unique situation which requires innovative solutions.

The current welfare and future position of pre-registration trainees has been at the forefront of our thinking during this process and we will continue to keep you updated as we progress towards a solution. We would encourage tutors and trainees to continue to make as much progress on the compulsory aspects of training as the current difficult circumstances allow.

We would ask that you to keep up to date with our Covid-19 regulatory statements and information by visiting the [Covid-19 webpage](#) on our website.