

Self-assessment guidelines for Candidates – ST3 ACCS & DRE-EM

The 2026 National Emergency Medicine ST3 ACCS/ST3 DRE-EM Selection Portfolio Section will be assessed as an online process. All candidates meeting the eligibility criteria will be asked to complete the Self-Assessment as detailed in this document.

Candidates are initially requested to self-score their Portfolio submitting their scores on their application in the Oriel system. There will then be a 7 day window (dates and details can be found in the ST3 ACCS Emergency Medicine & ST3 DRE-EM Candidate Handbook) where candidates will be required to upload supporting evidence via the Health Education England Online Portal. Validation of each candidate's self-assessment scores will be performed by the Assessment Team. The candidate will be notified of any changes to their self-assessment score. Candidates will be advised of the appeals process if they wish to contest their final score. The specific dates for each stage of this process will be published on the National ST3 ACCS/ST3 DRE-EM website.

Self-Assessment:

- This form contains the framework for applicants' self-assessment scoring.
- Applicants will be asked to complete the multiple-choice questions for each section on an online form to derive a final self-assessment score (questions may appear slightly differently on the final application form). Only one bullet point/response for each question can contribute to the score.
- Candidates will be asked to provide portfolio evidence to support the answers given during self-assessment and submit this via the online interface. Candidates are instructed to only provide evidence regarding the self-assessment questions and will only be able to upload one document per question. Candidates are responsible for ensuring that the document uploaded provides sufficient evidence.
- No additional evidence will be accepted following the self-assessment submission date.
- Candidates are responsible for ensuring that they upload the correct evidence onto the correct system. Evidence uploaded onto the wrong system will not be considered and therefore will not be awarded marks.
- All submitted self-assessments will be validated by a team of assessors who cross-check the candidates own scores with submitted evidence and agree a final score.
- Candidates will be notified of their final score.
- If a candidate wishes to appeal their final assessment score, they will have 72 hours to do so via the appeals process. Appeals can only be based on the evidence the candidate originally submitted. *Further submissions of evidence will not be accepted or considered.*
- Appeals will be presided by the Portfolio Adjudication Panel. The outcome of an appeal will be returned to the applicant within a short timeframe. The Adjudication Panel will have the final decision on the self-assessment score at the end of this process.
- Please do NOT submit the Alternative Certificate of Competences as evidence against any of the self-assessment questions on the next page.

Please note:

- If a candidate's evidence is not provided on the specified system and evidence cannot be verified by the assessor during the allocated time, a score of zero will be awarded for that element of the portfolio.
- Candidates considered to have not provided documents to substantiate their score, or provided documents that are inaccurate, falsified, or contain private or confidential patient details will have evidence taken and be referred to a Scrutiny Panel. The Scrutiny Panel will be conducted by Health Education England and the candidate will be offered an opportunity to explain their actions and provide supporting documentation. The result of the Scrutiny Panel may lead to one or more of, but not limited to, the following:
 - o Candidate removed from the current round of National Emergency Medicine recruitment.
 - o Candidate being reported to the GMC.

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1) Have you completed and been awarded any degrees in addition to your primary medical qualification? Please do not include teaching degrees (these can be included in Q6 below). Please select the highest scoring option that applies to you.

Description	Score
Masters level or higher degree involving research thesis (stand alone and not related to primary medical qualification)	3
Additional degree with first class honours	2
Any other undergraduate or postgraduate degree/diploma not fulfilling criteria above	1
No additional degrees	0
Evidence: - Please provide a copy of your degree certificate - For non-UK Masters / Higher degrees please also provide a written statement from the awarding body confirming equivalence to UK regulations for MSc or above with a copy of Masters degree and topic of research. - MRCEM certificate cannot be counted here, please include this under question 8 below.	

2) Have you been awarded any academic prizes / awards? Please select the highest scoring option that applies to you.

Description	Score
National award for academic achievement as a postgraduate or undergraduate	3
Local postgraduate award for academic achievement	2
Local undergraduate award for academic achievement, e.g. merit, distinction	1
None of the above	0
Evidence: Please provide evidence of any academic prizes/awards i.e. certificate or letter confirming achievement.	

3) Please select the highest scoring option that describes your involvement in presentation / publications (excluding Letters to editor, abstracts and case reports).

Description	Score
Oral presentation at national/international meeting	3
First author of article in peer reviewed journal	
Oral presentation at regional meeting	2
Co-author of article in peer-reviewed journal	
Poster presentation at regional or national/international meeting	1
None of the above	0
Evidence: Please provide a copy of the presentation with meeting programme / publication which clearly shows your role	

4) Please select the highest scoring option that describes your involvement in audit / Quality Improvement projects.	
Description	Score
Designed and led a completed audit / Quality Improvement project with closure of loop (with confirmation of role by supervisor)	3
Designed and led an audit / Quality Improvement project (with confirmation of role by supervisor)	2
Involvement as team member in an audit / Quality Improvement project (with confirmation of role by supervisor)	1
Involved in RCEM audit	1
None of the above	0
Evidence: Please provide a summary of the audit / project (including evidence of second cycle where applicable) Please provide evidence of your role in the audit/project i.e. confirmation by supervisor	

5) Please select the highest scoring option that describes your involvement in teaching.	
Description	Score
Principal organiser of relevant course	3
Participated as faculty member on relevant course	2
Formal planned teaching at least monthly (MUST submit teaching plan)	1
None of the above	0
Evidence: • Please provide evidence of your role as organiser/faculty of a course. i.e. letter confirming involvement. • For formal teaching please provide timetable evidence of frequency and teaching plan.	

6) Do you have a formal teaching qualification? Please select the highest scoring option that applies to you.	
Description	Score
Masters degree in medical education	3
Postgraduate diploma in medical education	2
Postgraduate certificate in medical education	1
University accredited educational supervision course	1
'Train the Trainers' education supervision course	1
No formal teaching qualifications	0
Evidence: • Please provide your qualification or course attendance certificate	

7) Please select the option that best describes your previous experience in ACCS training posts (Acute Medicine, Anaesthetics, Intensive Care Medicine, Paediatric Emergency Medicine) at the time of application (excluding the Emergency Medicine experience)	
Description	Score
Post-Foundation training in three or more other ACCS specialty (at least 3 months' continuous placement in each)	3
Post-Foundation training in two other ACCS specialty (at least 3 months' continuous placement in each)	2
Post-Foundation training in one other ACCS specialty (at least 3 months' continuous placement)	1
No substantive post in other ACCS Specialties	0
Evidence: • Please provide evidence of training posts i.e. ARCP documentation/completion of ACCS training certificate • For non-training posts, please provide your contract of employment, or a letter from your supervisor / HR / Medical Staffing on hospital headed paper. Email evidence may be provided if it has been sent from a hospital email address.	

8) Please select the option that best describes your exam status	
Description	Score
Passed full MRCEM OR FRCEM intermediate (all parts)	3
Passed FRCEM or MRCEM primary AND one element of intermediate (could be MRCEM OSCE OR SBA)	2
Passed FRCEM or MRCEM primary or full MRCS	1
No relevant postgraduate exams	0
Evidence: • Please provide evidence of your exam status. i.e. certificate or results letters	

9) Please select the option that best describes your demonstrable competences in the following skills:	
Description	Score
I have demonstrable competences in 3 or more life support courses or evidence of competence in dealing with and resuscitating sick adult, children and trauma patients	3
I have demonstrable competences in 2 life support courses or dealing with and resuscitating adult and child, or adult sick and trauma patients	2
I have demonstrable competences in adult life support only or evidence of demonstrable competences in dealing with and resuscitating only adult sick patients	1
I do not have demonstrable competence in any of these skills	0
Evidence: • Competence can be demonstrated in the following ways: - o By providing an in-date course certificate - o By providing a statement from a supervisor confirming you have received local training and assessment in these skills	

10) Have you undertaken and completed any additional courses relevant to Emergency Medicine	
Description	Score
Three or more additional courses	3
Two additional courses	2
One additional course	1
No additional courses	0
Evidence: Please provide evidence of completion of any additional courses i.e. certificates	

11) Please select the highest scoring option that describe your Achievement of competencies via work based assessments supervisor reports AND multi source/360 feedback	
Description	Score
WBAs AND MSF / 360 feedback AND supervisor reports all excellent (must have all 3 types of evidence)	3
WBAs AND MSF / 360 feedback AND supervisor reports generally good (must have all 3 types of evidence)	2
WBAs AND MSF / 360 feedback AND supervisor reports satisfactory (must have all 3 types of evidence)	1
None of the above	0
Evidence: Please provide evidence of your achievement of competencies i.e. WBAs (a minimum of 10) MSF/360 feedback and supervisors reports (all three elements to score mark).	

12) Please select the highest scoring option that describes management / leadership roles you have undertaken	
Description	Score
Leadership role at national level, e.g. BMA national committee member	3
Leadership role at postgraduate level, e.g. BMA rep, trainee rep, chair of junior doctors forum. Rota coordinator does not count.	2
Leadership role at undergraduate level, e.g. committee chairman, head of student union	1
None of the above	0
Evidence: Please provide evidence of your management / leadership role i.e. letter confirming appointment to role / letter from supervisor confirming position	