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OVERVIEW

Recognition of Prior Clinical Experience (RPE)

The RPE process is the formal recognition of clinical experience completed in Ireland commencing prior to 2020.

Doctors who have been working in the Irish Medical system since before 2020 and have clinical experience which could be deemed equivalent to BST, may apply for RPE during the period of 1 July to 16 August 2024.

To be eligible for RPE, you must be:

- Living in Ireland and working in the Irish healthcare system since before 2020
- Show you were unable to apply for BST programme before 2020 because your internship was not recognised by the Medical Council
- Demonstrate that you have completed several years of clinical experience in Ireland that could be deemed equivalent to BST

If prior experience is deemed equivalent to BST, applicants will be eligible to apply for HST.

Applicants must meet all requirements for BST which includes having passed the FRCPATH (UK) Part 1 Examination in Histopathology.

This process is open to those who graduated with their Medical Degree within the last ten years.

Note: If you completed your internship in any of the below listed countries you cannot avail of this process. Prior to a change in the Act in 2020, the Medical Council recognised internships undertaken in the following countries as equivalent:

- Australia
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Pakistan where the internship was commenced after 31st December 2008 (note: the rotations must meet the standards of an Irish internship)
- Sudan
- South Africa where the internship was commenced after 1st July 2006
- UK
- Malta



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The process opens on 1 July 2024 and strictly closes on 16 August 2024. Please note that this process is only available in 2024 and will not be available in subsequent years.

INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for RPE, please complete the following application form. You will be required to submit additional documentation to support your application. Requirements are outlined within the application. We have also provided a Supporting Documentation Checklist to assist with this process.

There is a non-refundable application fee of €250. Applicants are required to complete the payment process as part of their application. Applications will only be regarded as complete once the application fee has been paid.

Please return completed application form along with all supporting documentation and application fee to: **XXXXXX**

You will get an answer no later than 30 September 2024.

Further information and FAQs are available here: **LINK**

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

✓	Supporting Document	Note
	Your Curriculum Vitae	
	Sample Clinical Timetable / Overview of Duties	Please include a sample for each post you submitted for consideration as part of this application
	Certificates of Attendance at Relevant Courses	These must include courses in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Ethics • Leadership
	References by a minimum of two Referees who have been Supervising Consultants	Complete two Aptitude Assessment forms

Return Completed to: [POC]



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Section 1: Personal Information

Name:

Medical Council Number:

RCPI number:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Home Address:

Institution of Medical Degree:

Year of Qualification:



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Section 2: Clinical Experience

In this section list the posts submitted for consideration for recognition of prior experience. Indicate the name of the consultant you reported to, and the duration of the post. You must have at least 60 months experience at SHO level in Histopathology.

Applicants are required to attach appendixes of a full *Curriculum Vitae* and overview of the clinical timetable or overview of duties for each post submitted for consideration as part of the application process.

Post i.e., Position, Hospital name, Department etc.	Supervisor	Length of post (in months)



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Section 3: Education and Learning

Applicants should have undertaken teaching in these areas related to medical professional practice:

- Communication
- Ethics
- Leadership

Please list below all relevant courses completed and attached relevant certificates in Appendix C.

Course Title	Institution	Date of completion



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Section 4: Additional Professional Experience

Please list in the table below all relevant professional experience completed and, where available, attach relevant certificates in Appendix C.

Applicants should have participated in:

- Grand Rounds
- MDT Meetings
- Journal Clubs and Specialty Meeting

Applicants should demonstrate a working knowledge of:

- Research,
- Audit and QI
- Teaching

Applicants should have experience in:

- Delivering Presentations
- Engaging with National/international meetings

Please Describe how you have met these criteria, referencing any relevant experience.

Max 500 words per criterion

Grand Rounds	
MDT Meetings	
Journal Clubs/Specialty Meetings	



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Research	
Audit and QI	
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Section 5: Evaluations and Reference

Applicant is required to identify a minimum of two referees to complete this section.

The referees must be consultants in substantive posts in Histopathology who have directly supervised the applicant. The consultants must also be RCPI Trainers. The relevant posts should be from those described in section 2.

The applicant should notify the referee before submitting the form.

5.a Clinical and Technical Evaluation

- Applicants must have passed the FRCPath UK Part I (Histopathology) before applying. Evidence of this must be submitted in the appendices. (Appendix D)
- Applicants must complete at least two Aptitude Assessment forms (Appendix E) as part of the application.
- Each Aptitude Assessment form must be completed by a separate RCPI registered Trainer (consultant) and must be completed within five years of each other.



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Section 6: Applicant Declaration

Declaration Statement:

- "I hereby declare that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements or omissions may lead to the rejection of my application."

Applicant Signature:

Date:



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Appendices to include:

Appendix A: CV

Appendix B: Sample Timetable for Submitted Posts

Appendix C: Relevant or referenced CPD Certificates

Appendix D: Evidence of achievement of FRCPATH Part I

Appendix E: Aptitude Assessment Forms