



RCCP Registrants Communication Release – 28/03/2022

Registration for Clinical Physiologists

In June 2021 the business of the Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists (RCCP) was transferred to the Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS). Registration with both the AHCS and RCCP is of equal status and during the next 12 months, the RCCP and AHCS Clinical Physiologist Practitioner register will be aligned.

The work to unify the register will be completed by April 2023 but from the 28th of March 2022, new applications for Clinical Physiology Practitioner registration will only be accepted through the RCCP (www.rccp.co.uk) portal.

When it is due, current registrants should continue to renew their registration as usual with either the RCCP or the AHCS. However, those practitioners registered with both organisations are asked to renew only with the AHCS.

We will provide updates to all registrants in the coming months but if you have any immediate questions about your registration, please email registration@ahcs.ac.uk.

Changes to RCCP Documentation

As part of the ongoing process to align the AHCS and RCCP Clinical Physiology Registers, the following changes will be implemented for RCCP Registrants from the dates specified below:

Good Scientific Practice applies to RCCP registrants from 1st April 2022

The Academy for Healthcare Science's '[Good Scientific Practice](#)' ('GSP') will apply to clinical physiologists registered with the Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists (RCCP) from 1st April 2022. GSP will replace the RCCP's Standards of [conduct, performance and ethics](#) on this date.

GSP already applies to all those registered with the Academy. This means that for the first time, the majority of the registered healthcare science workforce who are not statutorily regulated will be working to the same code of conduct. Improved clarity for the public and professionals from common standards and processes is a key benefit from the RCCP becoming part of the Academy.

On renewal of registration for 2022-2023, RCCP registrants will be asked to confirm that they will adhere to GSP during the next registration period.

New documentation published for registrants effective from 1st April 2022

We have published new documentation for registrants applicable to healthcare science registrants registered with the Academy including clinical physiologists registered with the Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists (RCCP).

The following documentation will apply to RCCP registrants from 1st April 2022:

- [Safeguarding policy 2020](#) * This replaces the current [RCCP Safeguarding guidance](#)
- [Statement on health and disability 2017](#)
- [Social media guidance for registrants undated](#)

A full list of current policies and procedures and guidance, can be found via the following link:

<https://rccp.co.uk/policies-procedures-guidance/>

Returning to Practice from 1st May 2022

[The Academy for Healthcare Science's Policy on Career breaks and Returning to Practice](#) will apply to clinical physiologists registered with the Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists (RCCP) from 1st May 2022. This replaces current [Guidance for re-admission to the register](#).

The main changes for applicants wishing to re-join the RCCP Register relate to CPD and the proof of updating. There will no longer be a requirement for CPD to be submitted as part of the process. The proof of updating required is dependent on the length of career break taken. Full information can be found via the AHCS document link above and via the RCCP Website <https://rccp.co.uk/policies-procedures-guidance/career-breaks-and-returning-to-practise/>

For those RCCP candidates partway through a return to practice application i.e., it has not been submitted prior to 1st May, your application will be updated automatically to remove the CPD elements. You will be required to supply the proof of updating period if applicable, as described in the policy above.