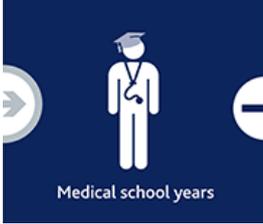


# Our role in education and training

This table shows the educational standards for all UK doctors through undergraduate and postgraduate education and training.

Stage	Selection into medical school	Medical school years	Foundation training	Specialty training
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Context	<p>Around 100,000 applicants apply for a place at medical school each year.</p> <p>Only around 6,000 are chosen.</p>	<p>There are 41,000 medical students at the UK's 31 medical schools. Degree courses last between four and six years.</p>	<p>The Foundation Programme is a two year training programme for doctors after leaving medical school.</p> <p>There are around 15,000 doctors on the programme currently.</p>	<p>After Foundation training most doctors enter specialty training. There are over 100 specialties and sub-specialty courses.</p> <p>There are around 40,000 doctors doing specialty or GP training in the UK.</p>
Our role	<p>We set the standards that medical schools have to meet. We say selection methods must be 'open, objective and fair'.</p>	<p>We set the standards around the education medical students receive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These include: the standards medical schools must meet in teaching and assessing students</li> <li>• the skills and behaviours students must have learned to complete the course.</li> </ul> <p>We monitor and check to make sure these standards are maintained.</p> <p>Ultimately it's our job to decide if a university should be allowed to issue medical degrees.</p>	<p>We set the standards for the programme, including the level the doctor must reach by the end of the two years, and we approve the curriculum.</p> <p>We monitor and check to make sure the standards we set are maintained.</p>	<p>We set the standards which training organisations must meet, and the standards that doctors in training must reach by the end of training.</p> <p>Our role includes approving the curricula for each training programme.</p> <p>We monitor and check to make sure the standards we set are maintained. One way we do this is by conducting a comprehensive survey of all doctors in training each year.</p>
The role of others	<p>Empty cell</p>	<p>Medical schools set the curricula and provide the education to medical students. Degree courses last between four and six years.</p>	<p>Medical graduates have to apply to regional postgraduate training bodies called deaneries – or in England, local education training boards (LETBs). They co-ordinate, supervise and monitor individual doctors' progress.</p> <p>The curriculum for the Foundation Programme is developed by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges.</p>	<p>The UK's Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties set the curriculum for specialty and GP training courses.</p> <p>Deaneries and LETBs manage the delivery of specialty training.</p> <p>Trainees receive training at approved hospitals, clinics and GP surgeries.</p>