

Mandated Consultant Assessments – Eligibility Guidance (July 2025)

This guidance outlines who is eligible to complete the **mandated Consultant assessments** for ACP credentialing. If there is any uncertainty about a clinician's eligibility, please email ACP@rcem.ac.uk for clarification.

Eligible Clinicians

The following clinicians may complete Consultant assessments, provided they meet the outlined criteria:

1. Substantive Consultants in the ACP's ED who:

- are on the Specialist Register in Emergency Medicine, **or**
- are on the Specialist Register in Paediatrics (*children's credential only*)

2. Associate Specialist or Senior Specialty Doctors who:

- hold a substantive post in the ACP's ED, **and**
- meet the criteria to be an **ACP Educational Supervisor** as defined in the [ACP Credentialing Regulations](#)

3. Locum Consultants who:

- are on the Specialist Register in Emergency Medicine or Paediatrics (*children's credential only*), **and**
 - hold a 12-month NHS contract in the ACP's ED, **or**
 - work *substantively* in another ED but undertake ad hoc locum shifts in the ACP's ED

Locum Consultants are required to outline their eligibility to undertake a Consultant assessment when completing the form.

All clinicians eligible to complete Consultant assessments must be:

- competent in the procedure or situation being assessed;
- understand the standard against which the ACP is to be assessed;
- understand the principles of entrustment;
- maintain high-quality documentation and provide feedback to the ACP.

Ineligible Clinicians

The following roles **are not** permitted to complete Consultant assessments:

- Consultant practitioners (e.g. Consultant Paramedics, Consultant Nurses)
- Locum Consultants:
 - employed via an agency
 - not on the Specialist Register
 - without a substantive Consultant post elsewhere and working only ad hoc locum shifts in the ACP's ED.