

**College of Anaesthetists of Ireland
Registrar Training Programme**

1. General Regulations for the Registrar Training Programme

- 1.1 The programme will commence on 1st July 2010.
- 1.2 The programme duration is 2 years maximum, with no extensions except for illness, pregnancy, adverse personal circumstance as determined by the College, or as described in section 1.10.2 below.
- 1.3 Entry requirements: Trainee holds CCBST **and** has applied (valid application) for the National SpR Programme **and** was unsuccessful.
- 1.4 The programme will not normally be open to doctors who have spent more than five years in approved anaesthesia training posts in Ireland.
- 1.5 The programme will be offered six monthly to suitable trainees (following SpR interviews), who must opt in or out prior to a specified deadline.
- 1.6 Doctors accepted onto the programme must sign a Training Agreement.
- 1.7 Hospitals participating in the programme will be the current SpR accredited training hospitals.
- 1.8 The College will assign training numbers and manage rotations.
- 1.9 On completion of the programme, CAST will be awarded (Certificate of Associate Specialist Training). To complete the programme, a trainee must:
 - 1.9.1 Pass FCARCSI or equivalent
 - 1.9.2 Complete 3 years on programme
 - 1.9.3 Attain at least 6 satisfactory 6-monthly AST In-Training Assessments
 - 1.9.4 Complete 6 competencies (2 per year)
- 1.10 Failure to complete at 2 years
 - 1.10.1 If failure is due solely to not passing FCARCSI, the trainee will exit programme with no CAST, but a subsequent FCA pass would provide CAST.
 - 1.10.2 If the trainee has passed the FCA and failure is due to unsatisfactory ITAs or failure to complete competencies, a six month extension may be granted. If after this there are still competencies or ITAs outstanding, the trainee will exit the programme and no CAST will be awarded.
 - 1.10.3 If failure is due to lack of FCA **and** unsatisfactory ITAs or lack of Competencies, the trainee will exit the programme without CAST.
 - 1.10.4 There will be mentoring available for trainees approaching failure.
- 1.11 Transfer to the National Specialist Registrar Training Programme
 - 1.11.1 AST Trainees can continue to apply for the SpR scheme while they are in the AST Programme.
 - 1.11.2 If an AST trainee is successful in entering the SpR Programme, retrospective SpR training credit may be applied as follows:

- 6 months on AST - no retrospection
- One year on AST - 6 months SpR credit + 1 equivalent SpR ITA
- One and a half years on AST - 6 months SpR credit + 1 equivalent SpR ITA
- Two years on AST - One year SpR credit + 2 equivalent SpR ITAs
- More than 2 years on AST - One year SpR credit + 2 equivalent SpR ITAs

1.11.3 Competencies achieved during the AST programme can be carried over to the SpR programme

2. Initial Population of the CAST rotations at July 2010

2.1 Trainees must have at some point made a valid application for the SpR programme

2.2 Point of placement on AST Programme

2.3 Where trainees have made more than one valid application for the SpR scheme, the date used to determine entry to the AST scheme will be the date of the earliest SpR application.

2.4 Trainees appointed to the programme at points greater than year 1.0 will not have to complete all the re

Valid application for SpR programme starting:	Appointment to AST at:
July 2010	Year 1.0
January 2010	Year 1.5
July 2009	Year 2.0
January 2009	Year 2.5
July 2008	Year 3.0
January 2008	Year 3.5
Prior to January 2008	Not eligible (see below)

3. "Time – Expired" Trainees

3.1 Two groups of trainees will be eligible to receive a CAST by virtue of training already completed. These are:

- (a) Trainees who acquired CCBST prior to January 2008 and who would otherwise be eligible at 1st July 2010 for the Temporary SpR 4/5 scheme, ie at that date they would have passed the Final FCARCSI and have completed at least 3 years post-CCBST with satisfactory ITAs, in SpR-accredited training hospitals.
- (b) Trainees who never acquired CCBST, but were eligible in the past for the Temporary SpR 4/5 scheme, ie they had passed the Final FCARCSI, and had completed at least 3 years post-Primary FCARCSI with satisfactory ITAs, in SpR accredited training hospitals.

3.2 After 1st July 2010, CAST will only be awarded to trainees subsequently completing the AST programme, or to trainees who can demonstrate that they were eligible to receive a CAST at 1st July 2010, according to regulation 3.1 above.