

PCS Framework Webinar – Q&A Summary

Q: Will there be reminders to complete the reflection section of the PDP?

A: Yes. A reminder will be issued in **January 2026**, as this may not be intuitive for some during the busy start of the year.

Q: Can examining for postgraduate or undergraduate exams be logged as PCS activity?

A: Yes. Examiner roles are recognised as **Work-Based Learning** under the PCS framework. This includes examining for Fellowship, Membership, or undergraduate OSCEs.

Q: Can attending hospital management meetings count towards PCS?

A: Yes, provided the meetings are **educational, strategic, or reflective**, and relate to clinical governance, service planning, or patient safety. These fall under **Work-Based Learning**.

Q: Can HSEland mandatory courses be claimed for CPD?

A: Yes. Courses completed on HSEland or similar platforms count as **Accredited CPD** if they are relevant to your professional practice and you upload a **certificate of completion**.

Q: I'm a retired doctor. How can I meet the PCS requirements?

A: Retired or non-practising doctors must still complete:

- **25 hours** (combined Work-Based Learning & Practice Review)
 - **20 hours** of Accredited CPD
Examples include:
 - Reflection on past clinical experiences or literature
 - Mentoring, teaching, or reviewing materials
 - Participation in professional forums or training
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Q: Who can conduct the peer review of my PDP?

A: The peer reviewer does **not need to be formally appointed**. Acceptable reviewers include:

- A colleague from your specialty
- A consultant or senior peer
- A departmental or educational lead

The reviewer must understand the purpose of the PDP and provide **constructive, relevant feedback**. Be sure to document their **name, role, date**, and **summary of discussion**.

Q: When should I complete Section 1 of the PDP?

A: The recommended date for completion of section 1 of the PDP has been extended from **30th June** to **31st August 2025**.

Q: Will there be a PCS app in the future?

A: While many attendees requested an app, **no safe and compatible solution** is currently available. The College is actively engaging with **Risr/Kaizen** to explore possibilities.
