

# JCCP Approved Routes to Achieving Equivalence to JCCP Approved Education and Training Qualifications

In order to ensure that those operating in the industry are more accountable to members of the public with regards their 'fitness to practice' the JCCP has agreed that experienced registered healthcare practitioners should be able to evidence their compliance with the JCCP and CPSA published standards for education, training and practice, either by undertaking a JCCP approved qualification or by providing evidence that they have acquired the requisite knowledge and practical competence through one of the following JCCP approved 'equivalence routes'. Along with the JCCPs Fast Track system (see below), these equivalence routes provide experienced JCCP registrants with an important opportunity to demonstrate higher level competence at a time when it is anticipated that mandatory education and training standards will be introduced as part of the new proposed Government licencing scheme in England.

The JCCP will explore new equivalence routes where they are appropriate and, through its Education & Training Committee, will continue to apply the rigorous and robust mapping processes needed to provide assurance to members of the public, practitioners and to other stakeholders within the aesthetics sector that such equivalence routes accord with the JCCP's published standards.

## 1. JCCP Fast Track Assessment Centres

The JCCP agreed in 2021 that practitioners can apply to register with one of the JCCP's Fast Track Assessment Centres (FTAs) which have been specifically designed for aesthetic practitioners who are seeking to register with the JCCP. The JCCP's fast track assessment centre has been developed by online learning specialists, [Learna](#), in collaboration with the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) and enables experienced and competent cosmetic practitioners to be eligible to join the JCCP's PSA accredited Practitioner Register. Harley Academy and Cosmetic Courses have also been approved to work in association with Learna to offer JCCP Fast Track Assessment Centres.

The JCCP Fast Track Assessment Centre offers practitioners an alternative to more costly and time-consuming qualifications and is the only fast track assessment course of its kind on the market that is recognised by the JCCP, resulting in the award of a **formally recognised equivalent verification** standard that provides unconditional access to Part A – Category 1 of the Professional Standards Authority (PSA) approved JCCP Practitioner Register.

### **What does it involve?**

The new FTA results in the award of a formally recognised equivalent verification standard that equates to the JCCP Level 7 education and training standard for the injection of toxins and for the insertion of dermal fillers. The FTA consists of two components; a three-hour theoretical exam with questions testing practitioner knowledge, and a practical examination which tests the individuals' clinical skills and competence.

<https://www.learna.ac.uk/courses/jccp>

## **2. Medical Specialist Registry Mapping Against the CPSA and JCCP Competency Framework/Standards**

The JCCP has completed an exercise with CPSA colleagues to review the alignment between the Royal College of Surgeon's Plastic Surgery Specialist Register's knowledge and competencies and the CPSA Standards and the JCCP (2018) Competency Framework. A similar mapping exercise has been completed with regard to the Specialist Register for Dermatology. As a result of this exercise the JCCP is delighted to announce that full equivalence has been approved between the Specialist Register for Plastic Surgery and the Specialist Register for Dermatology and the JCCP Competency Framework with regard to Level 7 aesthetics practice. Effectively this means that any current member of the Plastic Surgery Specialist Register Specialist Register or any full member of the Specialist Register for Dermatology will be able to join the JCCP register as a full member (Part A – Category 1) without any requirement for further educational attainment or attendance at a fast-track assessment centre.

## **3. The British College of Aesthetic Medicine Membership Examination and Grandparenting Scheme Mapping Against the CPSA and JCCP Competency Framework/Standards**

The JCCP has entered into an alliance with the British College of Aesthetic Medicine (BCAM) to recognise the equivalence of their recently launched Membership Examination and their Grand Parenting Scheme to the JCCP Competency Framework. Following a rigorous and independent mapping exercise undertaken by the JCCP's Education and Training Committee the JCCP approved both the BCAM Membership Examination and the BCAM associated Grandparenting Scheme as providing evidence of meeting the standards required to enable successful BCAM graduates to join the JCCP register as a full member (Part A – Category 1) without any requirement for further educational attainment or attendance at a fast-track assessment centre. The BCAM grandparenting scheme is subject to ongoing audit by the JCCP Practitioner Register Committee.

Grandfathering is a provision that enables BCAM members who joined the College prior to introduction of the BCAM Membership (MBCAM) examination to obtain MBCAM accreditation in accordance with the presentation of evidence that confirms that members meet the JCCP standards and retain their status without completing a newly introduced process required for new members. Members who are exempt from the new examination procedure are referred to as having 'grandfather rights' or having been 'grandfathered in' to the BCAM (and JCCP approved) Grandparenting scheme.

#### **4. The United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS)**

UKAS is the Government appointed national accreditation body responsible for accrediting standards across a range of industries. The JCCP works with UKAS to map and align its 'Certification of Persons' Scheme with the JCCP's standards for skin rejuvenation. JCCP approval is currently available at an equivalence to 'level 4' for chemical peels and microneedling. The JCCP will accept this award for membership of both Part A and Part B of its Practitioner Register.