

Gateway Access Programme FAQs

1. Who is the Gateway Access programme for?

The Gateway Access Programme has been designed to support International Medical Graduates **in the UK** who are also **refugees** or in **similar circumstances**.

2. Can I join the Gateway Access Programme program if I am not in the UK?

Unfortunately, the Access programme does not cater for individuals who are not in the UK. Please refer to the Gateway Plus programme for information relating to International Medical Graduates outside of the UK and the support we provide.

3. Who will provide sponsorship/Visa?

You will be interviewed by the organisation, and if you accept an offer of employment, a Visa will be issued by the organisation that employs you. They will provide you with a Certificate of Sponsorship so that you can apply for a Tier 2 Skilled Worker Visa. Joining the programme does not change your current Visa status.

4. I am here on a Visitor Visa – What will I need to join?

- Valid Passport
- Visa /BRP/ Evidence you have applied for an extension
- Local Police check (home country)
- GMC – Full Licence, Registered to practice
- Qualification certificate
- Copy of your CV
- UK Bank Account

5. What level will I start working at?

You will be interviewed by the Gateway team to assess that you can work as FY2 as a starting point. After starting work, you could receive an assessment and work at a higher level after your initial **bedding in** period. After gaining valuable experience in your first year, you will move up to a higher grade in your second year.

6. How long will I be employed for?

The Gateway Access programme should be completed over 24 months. During this period, you should be aiming to complete your CREST sign off. This will allow you to enter specialist training should you decide to take this route.

7. How long will I have to wait for a placement?



We do not guarantee a placement. We work with many Trusts and Boards in England, Scotland, and Wales. We will provide you with details of any opportunities as soon as they arise.

8. Do I have to attend an induction?

Yes, you will need to attend an NHSP induction. We will provide you with details of the next one as soon as we can.

9. Do I attend an interview?

You will be interviewed by the Gateway team to assess that you can work as FY2 as a starting point. After your initial assessment interview, you will need to complete your compliance tasks. You will also be interviewed by any Trust/Board that you express an interest. Our interviews are conducted over Teams.

10. What are the compliance tasks I will need to complete?

- DBS check
- Online Training
- Occupational Health check
- Referee details to request references

11. Do I get a choice where I work?

Yes, we will let you know of any opportunities for your programme via email. You will need to send an updated CV following the instructions sent in the email detailing the opportunity.

12. I do not have enough documents to meet the DBS criteria?

We can provide you with additional guidance at the point of DBS completion.