

Accredited Registers Programme

Notification of Change Summary of proposed changes

Notification of change from: **Registration Council of Clinical Physiologists (RCCP)**

Once accredited any relevant changes that a register wishes to make will need to be assessed by the Authority to ensure ongoing compliance with the Standards. Part of this assessment includes a review of information received through the invitation to share experience. Below is a summary of the proposed changes for consideration.

<p>Summary of Proposed Changes</p>	<p>The RCCP is an Accredited Register covering the following roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audiologists (including Hearing Therapists and Educational Audiologists) • Neurophysiologists • Cardiac Physiologist • Respiratory Physiologist • Gastro-Intestinal Physiologist • Sleep Physiologists <p>The RCCP is proposing to add clinical exercise physiologists (CEP) to its register. The RCCP note that ‘In the UK, there is currently no professional public register, regulator or accreditation system in place for CEPs to assure high quality practice for the protection of patients. Regulation of CEPs is required to ensure that all CEPs delivering services to clients and patients are appropriately trained to a high standard to provide the optimal preventative strategies, treatment packages in order to manage acute, sub-acute, chronic and complex conditions safely and effectively.’</p> <p>The RCCP report that CEPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specialise in identifying and developing individualised treatment care pathways and therapies using evidence-based exercise interventions as part of the prevention, treatment, and long-term management of acute, sub-acute, chronic, and complex conditions • work in a range of primary, secondary, and tertiary care settings often as part of a multidisciplinary team of health care and rehabilitation providers and in community settings. • aim to optimize physical function and health and promote long-term wellness through lifestyle modification and behaviour change across the lifespan through behavioural coaching, health education, exercise counselling and physical rehabilitation.
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	<p>CEPs would be expected to abide by RCCP’s Standards of conduct, performance and ethics, the Standards of Proficiency and the Standards of Continuing Professional Development all of which can be found on the RCCP’s website. They would also be subject to RCCP’s Fitness to Practice Procedure. There would be no changes to RCCP’s registration processes.</p> <p>The Clinical Exercise Workforce Collaborative (CEWC) has mapped the CEP curriculum to RCCPs’ Standards of Proficiency. The CEWC has also suggested two additional standards specific to the CEP workforce which will be added if the notification of change is successful. All CEPs would be expected to meet these standards.</p> <p>There will be two routes of entry onto the register: Route 1: The creation of a ‘grandparenting route’. This route would recognize and assess existing experience for suitability for registration. This route will be available for a specified period (likely to be 1 year) to encourage existing professionals to join the register.</p> <p>Route 2: RCCP accreditation of education courses based on the RCCP Standards of Proficiency or equivalent to allow future graduates the eligibility to register. There are currently three universities which are mapping their curriculum to the RCCP Standards with the aim of becoming accredited by the RCCP in 2021.</p> <p>RCCP have noted that many of the risks associated with the practice of clinical exercise physiology are similar to those already within its risk matrix but that these will be reviewed to ensure they encompass risks associated with exercise physiology.</p>
Main standards which may be affected	Standards 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 ,10
Proposed Timescales	RCCP would like to make these changes as soon as possible.