

Guidance notes for:

- **individuals who are BASES Accredited;**
- **individuals on BASES Supervised Experience (Psychology);**
- **individuals considering an application for BASES Supervised Experience (Psychology).**

It is acknowledged that there are a number of individuals who are BASES Accredited, on the BASES Supervised Experience scheme, or who are considering an application for the BASES Supervised Experience (Psychology) scheme, and who do not conform to the eligibility requirements to apply directly for Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registration as a Practitioner Psychologist. The following provides some guidance to how such individuals seeking eligibility for registration with the HCPC may wish to proceed.

Members who are BASES Accredited

It is assumed that BASES Accredited members will seek *accreditation of prior experiential competence* (APEC) for the SEPAR and much of the relevant information relating to APEC can be found within the SEPAR APEC Handbook. In summary, individuals will be required to satisfy all of the necessary enrolment criteria for entry to the SEPAR. On acceptance to the SEPAR, individuals will then be required to complete the 'Initial SEPAR-competency' profile and then the 'Final SEPAR-competency' profile 12-months later. This enables BASES Accredited members to complete the SEPAR within 1 year, instead of a minimum of 2 years, as per the standard route.

Those with BASES Accreditation will be able to evidence a significant number of the competencies within the profile (based on their BASES Accreditation) and the SEPAR APEC Handbook provides details on how areas of shortfall can be evidenced. Individuals who are within their first 5 years of Accreditation will, of course, have a greater number of 'hours' to evidence compared to those who have evidence of re-accreditation; being able to evidence the threshold hours of activity is where the main focus of activity is expected.

Members who are on BASES Supervised Experience or considering an application for Supervised Experience

There are three likely scenarios and the following outlines the most appropriate options for each:

1. Members who will be over halfway through Supervised Experience by 1 February 2020

If you will be over halfway through or Supervised Experience or nearing completion by the first application date for SEPAR (1 February 2020), the recommended option is to complete the SE process and become BASES Accredited as a Sport and Exercise Scientist, then apply to the SEPAR under the APEC route (see above); this is assuming that all of the necessary enrolment criteria are met.

2. Members who will be prior to halfway through Supervised Experience by 1 February 2020

For members who have not yet completed their halfway submission, one option is to continue with the Supervised Experience programme to its conclusion and then apply to the SEPAR under the APEC route as outlined in '1' above.

A second option is to withdraw from the Supervised Experience process and apply for the SEPAR; this is assuming that all of the necessary enrolment criteria are met. When completing the Initial SEPAR competency profile, individuals will be able to use any 'hours' accrued within the Supervised Experience process within the evidence used for ratings claimed.

3. Members considering an application for Supervised Experience (Psychology)

The first official enrolment onto the SEPAR will be in February 2020 (deadline for applications – 1st February 2020). BASES therefore strongly recommends that anyone who is seeking to work towards registration with the HCPC as a practitioner psychologist does not apply for registration on the Supervised Experience scheme, but instead enrolls on the SEPAR in February 2020, or once all of the necessary enrolment criteria has been met.
