

# ICENI Centre International Fellowship Pathways

All potential fellows need to pass the IELTS or the OET exam in order to obtain GMC registration. Both of them are English language tests, which demonstrate the right English proficiencies in order to work in the NHS and deal with patients safely.

## Pathway One

**East Suffolk and North Essex NHS  
Foundation Trust's GMC Sponsorship  
Scheme (ST5 – Post CCT Level)**

If you are a potential fellow from a low-income country and/or ST5+ you can apply for the GMC registration through our Sponsorship Scheme. The Trust will issue the Certificate of Sponsorship to support the Tier 2 visa application

## Pathway Two

**PLAB**

If you are a potential fellow below ST5 Level (ST3-ST4 Junior Level) you will need to sit the PLAB exam (PLAB 1 & PLAB 2), IELTS or the OET exam in order to gain GMC registration

## Pathway Three

**Royal College Examinations**

If you are a potential fellow at ST5+ Level (Registrar) you will need to have either one of the following three qualifications:

1. MRCP for medicine based specialties
2. MRCS for surgical based specialties
3. RCPATH examination in Pathology

## Pathway Four


**Self-Funded**

If you are a potential self-funded fellow you can apply for GMC registration through the ESNEFT GMC Sponsorship Scheme (ST5 – Post CCT Level). The Royal College of Surgeons will issue the Certificate of Sponsorship to support the Tier 5 visa. The Royal College of Surgeons charge a fee of £1.500 (+VAT)



# ICENI Centre International Fellowship Step-by-Step Guide

- Email your interest and your CV to our Fellowships Officer, Amy Sinclair at [Amy.Sinclair@esneft.nhs.uk](mailto:Amy.Sinclair@esneft.nhs.uk)

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- If a post is available then we will then send a link to apply for a post through the Trust's TRAC recruitment process
  - If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to interview with the specialist department and medical staffing (which can be carried out virtually).
  - If you are successful at interview you will be offered a 1-2 year Fellowship and the below steps will take place alongside medical staffing employment checks.



## Salaried Post - Pathway 1

The ICENI Centre Fellowship Officer and Medical Staffing will help support your GMC registration through the Trust's GMC Sponsorship Scheme.

Commence an online application for GMC registration and send required documentation to the GMC  
(This process takes approximately 8 weeks)

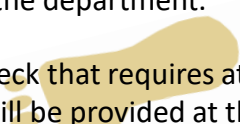

The Trust will issue a Certificate of sponsorship (CoS) to support the Tier 2 visa application

## Self-funded Post - Pathway 4

Requires GMC registration. A Certificate of Sponsorship for the Tier 5 visa to be obtained through the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS) via the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC).

The Trust will support your GMC registration in collaboration with the RCS. Commence online application for GMC registration and send required documentation to the GMC  
(This process takes approximately 8 weeks)

The AoMRC will process a Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS) required for a Tier 5 visa application  
(This will take approximately 10 working days)

- On completion of all the paperwork (start to finish this should take 4-6 months) a start date will be agreed between you, Medical Staffing and the department.
  - The GMC will send an invitation to attend an ID check that requires attendance within 3 months of issue. Your GMC registration number will be provided at the ID check.
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With full GMC registration your ICENI Centre Fellowship commences

