

## **Applicants Guide for the 2013 Round: Summary of significant changes**

A summary of the most significant changes to the Guide for Applicants is below:

- **1.8 Transparency** is a new section
- **Part 2 Eligibility** holds an updated list of employer organisations, taking account of the structural changes made on 1 April 2013, the introduction of revalidation and licences to practise, and contains information on public health consultants
- **2.1.6-7 deals with consultants who have retired but have returned to work on a contract that makes them eligible for a new award.**
- **2.1.8 Distinction Award holders returning to work** indicates that no new retire and return applications can be made from 1 January 2014. It also indicates that no consultants will be able to hold a reinstated Distinction Award from 1 April 2015. Consultants may be eligible to apply for new awards under the principles above.
- **Paras 2.3, 3.4 and 7.5** indicate what an existing award holder or applicant needs to do if they are subject to investigations or disciplinary action and clarifies the fact that a GMC/GDC finding of impaired practice or outstanding warning removes eligibility for an award. Consultants are also required to inform ACCEA of successful litigation that relates to their clinical practice in which there is an admission of liability or liability is proven in court.
- **Paras 4.2ff** spell out the importance of presenting strong evidence of continuing excellence in renewal applications and explain how such applications are evaluated.
- **4.2.4 Citations for renewals** - there is an opportunity for the first time in the 2013 to include a citation for a renewal
- **4.6 How will the withdrawal of an award affect your salary?** Indicates that from 1 October 2014 pay protection will no longer be applicable to any award that is, or has previously been, withdrawn or not renewed

**The amendments to the other Guides are mainly consequential upon these changes. In addition, Section 4.2 of the Guide for Assessors includes guidance on how scores are to be used, especially in relation to renewal applications.**