# National Clinical Impact Awards: the benefits for consultants

**Access**
- Up to 600 awards a year. All award levels immediately accessible based on application score ranking. No escalation of award levels over time.
- Simplified awards and values in England: National 1 - £20,000, National 2 - £30,000, National 3 - £40,000
- Employers will no longer rank applications, only validate.
- User-friendly portal. Register now at: https://awards.national-clinical-impact.nhs.uk
- Access to dedicated webinar for applicants. The recording is available at: http://tinyurl.com/ACCIA2023webinars

**Inclusivity**
- Improved inclusivity expectations for employers with enhanced monitoring and feedback.
- Full award for less than full-time applicants meeting a minimum of 3 clinical PAs.
- End of stratified awards. New single-tier applications process.
- No more renewals. Awards will last for 5 years, in the year of expiry consultants will need to reapply for a new award.
- Awards to become non-pensionable and non-consolidated.

**Impact**
- Renamed and reframed domains to recognise the positive national impacts that result from the activities of senior clinicians.
- New domains to allow more applicants from all specialities to provide evidence of the national impacts of their work.
- Read the ACCIA guidance for the domains and criteria.

**Protection**
- Reforms apply to new applications from 2022 onwards. NCEA holders' pay will be protected at up to their current level if successful in applying for a new NCIA.
- Those eligible for pension protection will have full pensionability for 5 years from their new NCIA award, then CPI-linked protection of their previous pensionable pay, until taking their pension.
- For those eligible this process will happen automatically.