

Publication withdrawn

This guidance was withdrawn in June 2026.

The Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards (ACCEA) was replaced by the [Advisory Committee on Clinical Impact Awards](#) in 2022.

Applicants Guide for the 2014 Round: Summary of changes

- **1.7 Employer Based Awards:** ACCEA at national level no longer has a role in relation to employer based awards in England.
- **2.1.7** Clarifies the level of new award consultants can apply for, who have retired but have returned to work on a contract that make them eligible for an award.
- **2.1.8 Distinction Award holders returning to work:** Consultants with Distinction Awards are no longer able to apply for reinstatement of their award after retirement. In addition, any consultants who, in January 2014, hold a reinstated Distinction award following retirement will cease to receive this award from 31 March 2015.
- **2.3.2 Investigations or disciplinary procedures:** Consultants must inform ACCEA if they are subject of any investigations, disciplinary procedures or successful litigation, related to clinical practice, with an admission of liability or liability proven in court.
- **3.7.1** Emphasises that consultants must give dates for activities.
- **3.8 Step 9 Personal Statement:** Additional information can be included in the personal statement about if an award was held previously and when; or any extenuating circumstances ie ill health
- **4.2.2** Applicants have the option to renew silver, gold or platinum awards at the same **or** at a lower level; the decision should be based on what level of award the supporting evidence is considered by the consultant to be appropriate.
- **4.2.4** Decisions on renewal of awards are made based on the information provided in applications.
- **4.2.7** If applicants who are due to submit a renewal application in 2014 either fail to submit an application or submit one that does not achieve the required standard for renewal; a recommendation will be made to ACCEA to have the award ceased when it expires on 31 March 2015
- **4.6.2** Consultants who are due to submit a renewal application in the 2014 round will not continue to receive the financial value of the award if it is not renewed or if a renewal application is not submitted.
- **4.6.3** Applications can be made by consultants previously on Pay Protection for national awards at whatever level the consultant believes their contribution to be competitive. This can be at or below the level of any national award held at the time their award ceased.

- **5.2.10** Bullet 7 emphasises demonstrating where equality and inclusion outcomes have been achieved.
- **6.1.1-2** ACCEA will consider appeals for National awards only and will no longer deal with appeals for employer based awards.
- **7.3.1** Clarifies that a consultant is not eligible to retain an existing National award if they in receipt of any part of their pension.

The amendments to the other Guides are mainly consequential upon these changes.