

New standards for the initial education and training of pharmacists

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The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) has published **[new standards for the initial education and training of pharmacists](#)**. The implementation of these standards will transform the education and training of pharmacists, so they are able to play a much greater role in providing clinical care to patients and the public from their first day on the register.

The new standards will introduce a new set of learning outcomes that cover the full five years of education and training, and which can link to continued development after registration. The fifth year will become a foundation training year with strengthened supervision support, and collaborative working between higher education institutions, statutory education bodies and employers.

There is already huge demand for pharmacists to be able to prescribe for patients and use their expertise in medicines to its full potential. The new standards incorporate the skills, knowledge and attributes for prescribing, to enable pharmacists to independently prescribe from the point of registration.

Work is underway to develop an implementation plan setting out how and when each of the changes will be introduced. The Advisory Group of stakeholders which advised the GPhC Council on the final standards will continue to work with the GPhC to facilitate and oversee the implementation of the standards. Further updates will be available once the implementation plan has been agreed.

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