

Transition Plan – Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Curriculum from February 2026

The February 2026 curriculum incorporates an updated syllabus. Trainees should follow the new version as they enter specialty training or move into a new training level.

The updated syllabus aligns with the latest surgical practice as well as new developments, ensuring a much better-prepared consultant in OMFS. Training Programme Directors and Assigned Educational Supervisors should make provision at the earliest opportunity to allow for trainees to adapt their training accordingly.

Details about the changes and why they have been made can be found [here](#).

Please note that these changes do not affect core trainees, they will be expected to use the new curriculum only when they enter specialty training from ST3 onwards.

All specialty trainees will be expected to be following the new curriculum by the start of the 2028 academic year.

Training level to be entered on or after February 2026	Requirement	Guidance
ST3	Use the new curriculum	Trainees entering specialty training must follow the new curriculum from the start of the specialty programme.
ST4 – ST5		Trainees must follow the new curriculum as they move into a new training level.
ST6 – ST7	Remain on previous curriculum	Trainees entering the final phase of specialty training may remain on the previous curriculum.
Out of Programme (OOP)	Remain or Transfer	<p>Trainees who have taken time out of Out of Programme may remain on the previous curriculum while at their previous training level but should follow the new curriculum when they move to a new level.</p> <p><i>For example, a trainee returning from OOP to continue in ST5 in February 2026 may remain on the previous curriculum until they move to ST6.</i></p> <p>However, if their next training level is in the final phase of training they may finish ST training on the previous curriculum.</p>
Statutory leave (e.g. maternity/paternity/adoption leave)	Remain or Transfer	<p>Trainees returning from statutory leave may remain on the previous curriculum while at their previous training level but should follow the new curriculum when they move to a new level.</p> <p>However, if their next training level is in the final phase of training they may finish training on the previous curriculum.</p>

Less than full time (LTFT)	Remain or Transfer	<p>Trainees who are LTFT may remain on the previous curriculum until they move to the next training level when they should follow the new curriculum.</p> <p><i>For example, an LTFT trainee in February 2026 may remain on the previous curriculum until they enter ST6.</i></p> <p>However, if their next training level is in the final phase of training they may finish training on the previous curriculum.</p>
Portfolio pathway applicants	Remain or Transfer	<p>If applicants wish to apply under the previous curriculum they may do so for up to 12 months from release of the new curriculum</p>