

### Transition plan for August 2026 T & O curriculum:

The 2026 curriculum incorporates a new syllabus, which represents modern Trauma and Orthopaedic practice. It is anticipated that the majority of trainees will transition to this curriculum, excepting as detailed below:

	Requirement	Guidance
ST3	Use the new 2026 curriculum	Trainees entering specialty training must follow the new curriculum from the start of the specialty programme.
ST4 - 5		Trainees must follow the new curriculum as they move into a new training level.
ST6 - 8	Remain on previous curriculum	Trainees entering ST6 or above 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 ST4 in August 2026 may remain on the previous curriculum until they move to ST5.</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>
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>

<p>Less than full time (LTFT)</p>	<p>Remain or Transfer</p>	<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, a 50% LTFT trainee after 1 year at ST4 (6 months equivalent) by August 2026 may remain on the previous curriculum until August 2027 (12 months equivalent) and follow the new curriculum when they enter ST5.</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>
<p>Portfolio pathway applicants</p>	<p>Remain or Transfer</p>	<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>