

Transition plan - Vascular Surgery curriculum from August 2026

The August 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 surgeon. 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 August 2026	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-ST6		Trainees must follow the new curriculum as they move into a new level from August 2026.
ST7-8	Remain on previous curriculum	Trainees in or 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 should follow the new curriculum as they start a new training level when returning from OOP.</p> <p>However, if they return to the final phase of training they may finish training on the previous curriculum during the transition period.</p>
Statutory leave (e.g. maternity/paternity/adoption leave)	Remain or Transfer	<p>Trainees returning from statutory leave should follow the new curriculum as they start a new training level when returning to training.</p> <p>However, if they return to the final phase of training they may finish training on the previous curriculum during the transition period.</p>
Less than full time (LTFT)	Remain or Transfer	<p>Trainees who are LTFT should follow the new curriculum as they start a new training level.</p> <p>However, if they return to the final phase of training they may finish training on the previous curriculum during the</p>

		transition period.
Portfolio pathway applicants	Remain or Transfer	If applicants wish to apply under the previous curriculum they may do so for up to 12 months from release of the new curriculum