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**What level do I need to demonstrate
“Equivalence”?**

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What is Equivalence?



AHCS developed an equivalence assessment processes for those who have undertaken training, hold qualifications and/or have considerable professional experience, and who wish to show that *these are equivalent to the relevant training programme accredited by the National School of Healthcare Science*

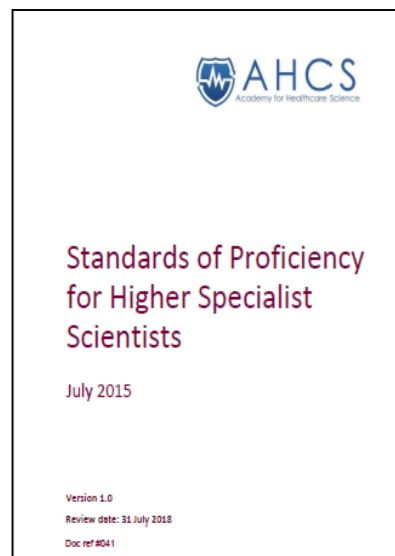


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Assessors review the evidence with the relevant HSST curriculum in mind:



- 1 Professional Practice
- 2 Scientific Practice
- 3 Clinical Practice
- 4 Research, Development & Innovation
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Higher Specialist Scientist Training - Specialties

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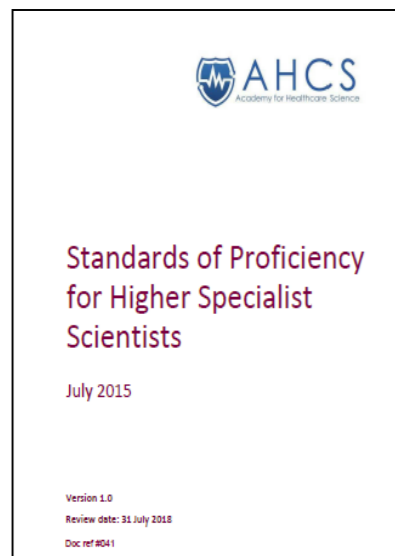


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HSS Equivalence process



Assessors are looking for:

- a sufficient period of training and experience
- working at the HSS level
- a thorough understanding of the subject matter
- evidence showing how you meet the HSS Standards of Proficiency
- comparable knowledge, skills and behaviours as someone completing the HSST programme



Overview of the HSST Equivalence Process



Stage 1. Application

Admin checks

HCPC registration as a
Clinical Scientist

Qualifications verified

Job Description verified

Good character, DBS etc..

Stage 1. Assessment

Assessors

Assessors review:

CV & summary (1500 words)

Verified Job Description and
Person Specification,

2 x references

Qualifications etc.

Stage 1. Outcome

Outcome 1. Equivalence
achieved

Outcome 2. Proceed to
portfolio

Outcome 3. Not
demonstrated equivalence

Overview of the HSST Equivalence Process



Stage 2. Assessment

Collate evidence

Submit within 6 months

Assessors review portfolio
against the HSS Standards of
Proficiency

Stage 2. Outcome

Outcome 1. Full equivalence

Outcome 2. Further evidence
required

Outcome 3. Not
demonstrated equivalence

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Higher Specialist Scientist (HSS) Equivalence Guidance

- [HSS Flowchart of Equivalence Process](#) ↓
- [HSS Standards of Proficiency](#) ↓
- [HSSR Certificate of Equivalence Programme Handbook](#) ↓
- [HSSE Guidance for Applicants](#) ↓
- [HSSE Templates for Applicants](#) ↓

<https://www.ahcs.ac.uk/equivalence/equivalence-guidance/>

