

General Medical Council Scotland

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**GENERAL
MEDICAL
COUNCIL**
*Protecting patients,
guiding doctors*

GMC Scotland is the new Scottish policy office of the General Medical Council.

- Supporting the highest standards of medical practice, ethics, education and regulation.
- Working with a range of partners to ensure quality healthcare.
- Raising awareness of the GMC role as the medical regulator, maintaining the health and safety of the community.
- Participating in the development of robust health policy in Scotland.

The General Medical Council is the regulator of the medical profession. Our purpose is to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the community by ensuring proper standards in the practice of medicine. We do this by setting the standards for medical education, providing detailed guidance to doctors, maintaining the register of doctors and dealing firmly and fairly with those whose fitness to practise is called into doubt. Major reforms in the governance of the GMC, the streamlining of the fitness to practise procedures and the 2005 introduction of a Licence to Practise for all doctors - accompanied by a robust programme of revalidation of that licence - underpin the delivery of professionally led regulation in partnership with the public.

The GMC are responsible for the Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) testing of all doctors who wish to practice medicine in the UK but who qualified elsewhere.

The GMC plays a key role in AURE –the Alliance of UK Health Regulators on Europe – www.aure.org.uk

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