

## IBTPHEM position statement regarding access to the FIMC examination for LTFT PHEM trainees

The Board is committed to ensuring clarity regarding eligibility for the Fellowship in Immediate Medical Care (FIMC) examination of PHEM trainees undertaking less than full-time (LTFT) training. Flexibility must be balanced with equity for PHEM trainees undertaking full-time training and maintain alignment with the [subspecialty curriculum](#), which states that a trainee “*is eligible for the FIMC after completion of an indicative 11 months’ WTE training in PHEM and successful completion of the DIMC*”, “*towards the end of phase 2*” (i.e. a trainee must have progressed to phase 2 (consolidation) training before their application to sit the FIMC).

This statement should be read in conjunction with our guidance on [LTFT training in PHEM](#).

This statement applies to PHEM trainees appointed to subspecialty training during national recruitment from 2025 onwards. Any current LTFT trainees who were appointed before 2025 should seek clarification from their Educational Supervisor, who can liaise with the Training Programme Director if required.

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### LTFT training implications for FIMC eligibility

The next four pages demonstrate (a) the implications of LTFT training on FIMC eligibility and (b) the relationship between the earliest eligible examination diet and the end of LTFT subspecialty training, in the contexts of scheme A, B or C training and/or posts commencing in August or February (where YYYY = the year of commencement of subspecialty training).

The Board **strongly recommends** combinations in which the first eligible examination diet falls during or within one calendar month of the end of subspecialty training.

Key
First eligible exam diet within:
Training time
1 calendar month of end of training
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## 1. Scheme A

Scheme A (starting August YYYY)			
LTFT Training	Eligible for FIMC (11m WTE)	Next exam diet	Training ends (12m WTE)
100%	June YYYY+2	July YYYY+2	July YYYY+2
90%	August YYYY+2	January YYYY+3	October YYYY+2
80%	November YYYY+2	January YYYY+3	January YYYY+3
70%	March YYYY+3	July YYYY+3	June YYYY+3
60%	August YYYY+3	January YYYY+4	November YYYY+3
50%	March YYYY+4	July YYYY+4	July YYYY+4

Scheme A (starting February YYYY)			
LTFT Training	Eligible for FIMC (11m WTE)	Next exam diet	Training ends (12m WTE)
100%	December YYYY+1	January YYYY+2	February YYYY+2
90%	February YYYY+2	July YYYY+2	April YYYY+2
80%	May YYYY+2	July YYYY+2	July YYYY+2
70%	September YYYY+2	January YYYY+3	December YYYY+2
60%	February YYYY+3	July YYYY+3	May YYYY+3
50%	September YYYY+3	January YYYY+4	January YYYY+4

## 2. Scheme B (starting on a PHEM block)

Scheme B (starting with PHEM in August YYYY)			
LTFT Training	Eligible for FIMC (11m WTE)	Next exam diet	Training ends (12m WTE)
100%	December YYYY+1	January YYYY+2	July YYYY+2
90%	February YYYY+2	July YYYY+2	September YYYY+2
80%	May YYYY+2	July YYYY+2	January YYYY+3
70%	August YYYY+2	January YYYY+3	June YYYY+3
60%	December YYYY+2	January YYYY+3	November YYYY+3
50%	May YYYY+3	July YYYY+3	July YYYY+4

Scheme B (starting with PHEM in February YYYY)			
LTFT Training	Eligible for FIMC (11m WTE)	Next exam diet	Training ends (12m WTE)
100%	June YYYY+1	July YYYY+1	January YYYY+2
90%	August YYYY+1	January YYYY+2	April YYYY+2
80%	November YYYY+1	January YYYY+2	July YYYY+2
70%	February YYYY+2	July YYYY+2	December YYYY+2
60%	June YYYY+2	July YYYY+2	May YYYY+3
50%	November YYYY+2	January YYYY+3	January YYYY+3

### 3. Scheme B (starting on a base specialty block)

Scheme B (starting with base specialty in August YYYY)			
LTFT Training	Eligible for FIMC (11m WTE)	Next exam diet	Training ends (12m WTE)
100%	June YYYY+2	July YYYY+2	July YYYY+2
90%	September YYYY+2	January YYYY+3	October YYYY+2
80%	December YYYY+2	January YYYY+3	January YYYY+3
70%	April YYYY+3	July YYYY+3	June YYYY+3
60%	October YYYY+3	January YYYY+4	November YYYY+3
50%	May YYYY+4	July YYYY+4	July YYYY+4

Scheme B (starting with base specialty in February YYYY)			
LTFT Training	Eligible for FIMC (11m WTE)	Next exam diet	Training ends (12m WTE)
100%	December YYYY+1	January YYYY+2	January YYYY+2
90%	March YYYY+2	July YYYY+2	April YYYY+2
80%	June YYYY+2	July YYYY+2	July YYYY+2
70%	October YYYY+2	January YYYY+3	December YYYY+2
60%	April YYYY+3	July YYYY+3	May YYYY+3
50%	November YYYY+3	January YYYY+4	January YYYY+4

#### 4. Scheme C

Scheme C (starting August YYYY)			
LTFT Training	Eligible for FIMC (11m WTE)	Next exam diet	Training ends (24m WTE)
100%	June YYYY+1	July YYYY+1	July YYYY+1
90%	August YYYY+1	January YYYY+2	September YYYY+1
80%	September YYYY+1	January YYYY+2	October YYYY+1
70%	November YYYY+1	January YYYY+2	January YYYY+2
60%	February YYYY+2	July YYYY+2	March YYYY+2
50%	May YYYY+2	July YYYY+2	July YYYY+2

Scheme C (starting February YYYY)			
LTFT Training	Eligible for FIMC (11m WTE)	Next exam diet	Training ends (12m WTE)
100%	January YYYY+1	February YYYY+1	February YYYY+1
90%	February YYYY+1	July YYYY+1	March YYYY+1
80%	March YYYY+1	July YYYY+1	April YYYY+1
70%	May YYYY+1	July YYYY+1	July YYYY+1
60%	August YYYY+1	January YYYY+2	September YYYY+1
50%	November YYYY+1	January YYYY+2	January YYYY+2