

NHSE (formerly HEE) have made changes to the FCP roadmap verification process.

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/allied-health-professions/enable-workforce/first-contact-practice-self-declaration-education-providers/roadmap-verification-changes>

The main changes are as follows:

- The current portfolio route will close and be replaced by a supported portfolio route.
- FCPs will no longer receive a digital badge – the regulation process is now to be done locally by employers.
- Stage 3 of the Roadmap will be removed – this suggested that individuals could move to stage 3 (AP recognition) via a Roadmap supervisor but has never really been an option. The only way to AP recognition remains completing an NSHE accredited AP MSc or the supported AP ePortfolio route (Nb. AP recognition will still be recognised with a digital badge).

We appreciate these changes may understandably cause frustration – particularly regarding the digital badge change as this is a U-turn in what we all understood to be the process. The need to ensure those in FCP roles have the appropriate capability to do the role remains and the roadmaps provide a framework to support people to FCP recognition as per CQC requirements.

If you have any questions or would like further support, then please reach out to Liz and Jodie (Supervision Fellows).

Many Thanks  
Best Wishes  
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