

NHS Consultant Clinical Excellence Awards for England and Wales

2013 ACCEA round

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On 27 March 2013 the Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards (ACCEA) announced the results of applications for new awards and renewals in the 2012 round.

The ACCEA is still planning for a possible 2013 round of awards. These plans are based on a number of assumptions which are that:

- ACCEA believes there will be a round for renewal applications in 2013 and this will be the first time that these can be supported by citations
- For planning purposes ACCEA is working on the assumption that there will also be a 2013 round for new awards
- A round in 2013 would operate according to 2012 business rules. This assumption is based on the fact that the report of the Review Body on Doctor's and Dentist's Remuneration (DDRB) was only released before Christmas and consequently it seems very unlikely that a new scheme could be in place in time for a 2013 round
- The earliest a 2013 Round could possibly open is May 2013 with a closing date for applications at the end of June 2013.

The Faculty is planning on the basis that there will be a new national awards round this year and that a call for the 2013 round will be issued soon, running to the tight timetable suggested above, so we are proceeding with offering advice to eligible occupational physicians.

Previous experience indicates that applications for national awards are more likely to succeed if they are supported by external bodies as well as by the applicant's own employer, and the Faculty's input to the process is therefore important. In deciding which applications to support, the Faculty takes particular note of contributions to the practice of occupational medicine at a regional, national and international level, not only through work for the Faculty, but also on behalf of other organisations such as the Society of Occupational Medicine, the Association of National Health Occupational Physicians, Department of Health, Health and Safety Executive, etc.

One significant change in 2013 is that renewal applications can have citations attached. This is to bring renewal applications in line with new applications. This means that award holders may wish to apply to the FOM to support their renewal.

The ACCEA has released the relevant application forms to allow nominating organisation and applicants to begin preparations:

[Form A – CEA application form](#)

[Form D – Research and Innovation form](#)

[Form E – Teaching and training form](#)

[Form F – Leadership and management form](#)

National nominating body processes need to have been completed before the closing date for applications (at the end of June 2013, should the above timescale operate) and so we are encouraging eligible consultants seeking Faculty support for their applications to complete the forms and submit them to frances.quinn@fom.ac.uk by Friday 31 May 2013.

As in previous years competition will be tight; there were just over 300 new awards in total in the 2012 round. However, the Faculty will do its best to support deserving occupational physicians.

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