

Competences Update

The general competences, and competences for community and hospital pharmacists have been updated, and new ones integrated for primary care, medicines management and other roles. This is in response to feedback from users that the general hospital and community competences did not necessarily reflect current practice and may have contained gaps.

Mapping to the New Competences

In moving over to the new competences, the old competences have been automatically mapped to the new competences. This means that the competences you have selected so far within your CPD record entries have been automatically replaced with the new competences. Although every effort has been made to map the competences appropriately, there may be places where the new competency does not accurately reflect your intention. We have therefore provided you with a mapping log which enables you to see which new competences your old competences have been mapped to.

Competency Mapping Log

You will be presented with the Competency Mapping Log as soon as you have logged into your record. On the left-hand side of the log you will see the date and name of the CPD entry, in the next column the old competency will be listed. In the column to the right of the old competency you will find the new competency it has been mapped to.

The mapping of the old competences to the new has a high level of accuracy. The instances where this is least reliable are highlighted in red and blue. We therefore suggest you focus on these when amending any entries where the new competency does not accurately reflect your original intention. To do this you will need to enter the relevant CPD entry and edit the competency accordingly.

The competences highlighted in red in the mapping log refer to old competences which map to more than one new competency.

Similarly, in some cases the old competency now maps to such a large number of new competences, that to automatically replace one competency with many would be unhelpful. In these cases a suggestion is made in the log indicated in blue as to where you may find an appropriate new competency to substitute it with.

Your own custom competences which you may have added when editing competences within your CPD record will not be affected. For example, pharmacists working in primary care roles may have added their own custom competences, as competences specifically aimed at this sector of practice were not available previously. Now that competences in this area are available, pharmacists may wish to use the new competences. Any custom competences would not have been automatically replaced. If pharmacists wish to do this they will have to do so manually.

When you no longer wish to view the Mapping Log click into the "Don't show me mapping log again" box.

Editing Competences

The way in which competences are edited has also been upgraded to make it easier to use and more stable. For more information please see the Competences tutorial.

Please note in order to access the new competences you should ensure that you have selected the relevant roles or sectors of practice that are applicable, in the Personal Profile section which was previously named Personal settings and can be accessed from the main menu as before.