

To : All COSs and Training Supervisors

At the recent Council Meeting, the following guidelines on the interruption of training by a trainee (be it continuous or discontinuous) proposed by the Accreditation Committee was approved. Fellows, Members and Associates should be familiar with these regulations.

Guidelines on Interruption of Paediatric Training

- i) Any one period of interruption should not be more than 12 weeks;
- ii) A maximum of 24 weeks of cumulative leave (leave other than the entitled statutory leave, annual leave and casual leave) would be allowed during the trainee's 6-year of training period, where not more than 12 weeks would be allowed during either the Basic or Higher Training period;
- iii) Only one period of continuous or cumulative 12-week leave would be allowed (other than the entitled statutory leave, annual leave and casual leave) during each of the 3-year Basic Training Programme or Higher Training Programme. Trainees taking leave more than that would be required to extend his/her training period to make up for the interruption in excess of 12 weeks during either Basic or Higher Training;
- iv) All trainees should fulfill the compulsory Basic Training modules, i.e. the 6-month Neonatology and the 6-month MCHC rotation training despite he/she being allowed to take a maximum of 12 weeks continuous leave;
- v) A declaration of any interruption of training should be made by the trainee on his/her application for Membership and Exit Assessment;
- vi) All trainees entering into Basic or Higher Training from 1st January 2004 should abide by these guidelines.