



Review of the Pharmacy National Occupational Standards

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*****CONSULTATION NOW OPEN*****

Skills for Health is undertaking a review of the Pharmacy suite of National Occupational Standards (NOS) with stakeholders, including the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC).

The project Working Group has revised the NOS in the Pharmacy Services suite and we now welcome feedback through the wider online consultation.

This consultation will be open from Monday 10th August and will close at 12pm on Friday 18th September.

To contribute to the online consultation, please follow this link which will take you to the online survey <http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/2151853/Pharmacy-NOS-Review>

Due to the volume of information being consulted upon, this consultation is only available online.

If you have any queries or problems accessing the survey, please contact competences@skillsforhealth.org.uk and a member of the team will contact you.

Background to the project

The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC), the regulatory body for Pharmacy across the UK, is undertaking a review of the education and training standards for the Pharmacy Technician starting in 2015, it is important that the NOS are also reviewed in parallel with this review. The revised NOS can then reflect any changes that may be needed.

It is recognised that the review of the education and training standards may bring other functions into the scope of the regulated Pharmacy Technician role. Where NOS do not exist for these functions new NOS will be developed.

New NOS will only be developed as part of this project where it is necessary to meet the requirements of the GPhC for the regulated Pharmacy Technician role. It is understood that some of the functions undertaken by Pharmacy Technicians are also undertaken by Pharmacy/Dispensing Assistants, therefore any revisions to the NOS should ensure that the NOS are applicable to both roles where appropriate.

Once the NOS have been approved, the current qualifications can then be reviewed in line with the revised NOS and GPhC requirements. It is not the intention of this project to review the structure, delivery or assessment of the regulated qualifications as this will be undertaken following the NOS approval.

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