

As you may be aware, there has been a change to the definitions of *clinical supervisor* and *educational supervisor* which we wanted to make you aware of.

**The previous PMETB definition of *clinical supervisor* was:**

"A [clinical supervisor](#) is the named clinician responsible for overseeing the clinical performance of an individual trainee within a clinical placement. They are responsible for observing practice, performing work-based assessments and providing feedback."

**The revised definition of *clinical supervisor* is:**

"A trainer who is selected and appropriately trained to be responsible for overseeing a specified trainee's clinical work and providing constructive feedback during a training placement. Some training schemes appoint an [educational supervisor](#) for each placement. The roles of [clinical](#) and [educational supervisor](#) may then be merged."

**The previous PMETB definition of *educational supervisor* was:**

"The consultant identified by the [postgraduate dean](#) and the employing authority as having educational responsibility for the trainee/s in the placement identified. This may or may not be the doctor providing clinical supervision."

**The revised definition of *educational supervisor* is:**

"A trainer who is selected and appropriately trained to be responsible for the overall supervision and management of a specified [trainee's](#) educational progress during a training placement or series of placements. The [educational supervisor](#) is responsible for the trainee's [educational agreement](#)."

These have been updated in the [QF Operational Guide](#) and should be used with immediate effect. These same definitions will be in the updated Gold Guide.