Higher Specialist Scientist Register Equivalence
Early Implementers Programme: Assessor Training Programme

Pre-session preparation guidance

**Purpose:** To provide pre-session training in the HSS Register, Standards of Proficiency and Quality Framework

- The pre-session preparation pack consists of one slide set, two podcasts and this guidance;
- The pack is located at [http://www.ahcs.ac.uk/equivalence/equivalence-guidance/](http://www.ahcs.ac.uk/equivalence/equivalence-guidance/) under the section for HSST;
- We suggest you listen to the podcasts online as they are very large;
- Podcast 1 records Dr Kerry Tinkler, the Academy’s Director of Professional Standards, providing context for the HSS register, equivalence and the Early Implementer programme. Open the slide set at Slide 1 and click through the slides when you hear a beep on the podcast. The podcast lasts approx. 30 minutes;
- Podcast 2 records Dr Derek Pearson, the Academy’s Professional Advisor, covering the standards for entry to HSSR and highlighting specific requirements for the equivalence route. Open the slide set at Slide 26 and click through the slides when you hear a beep on the podcast. The podcast lasts approx. 30 minutes;
- Podcast 2 also records Dr Derek Pearson providing knowledge and understanding of the Academy’s Quality Framework. Open the slide set at Slide 36 and click through the slides when you hear a beep on the podcast. The podcast lasts approx. 20 minutes;
- One of the opening sessions at the training day on 9th December is a question and answer session about the pre-session preparation work. Please make a note of any questions you wish to raise at that session;
- We hope you find the podcasts and slide sets interesting and informative. We plan to use these for future assessor training sessions and would welcome your feedback;
- Any difficulties you encounter undertaking this pre-session preparation, please contact Beth Dodson, Development Co-ordinator, [beth.dodson@ahcs.ac.uk](mailto:beth.dodson@ahcs.ac.uk) or Gillian Manning, Project Consultant, [Gillian.manning@ahcs.ac.uk](mailto:Gillian.manning@ahcs.ac.uk).