



THE ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS UK

Consultation Questions Preview

APTUK UK-Wide Post-Registration Pharmacy Technician Career Pathway

Purpose of the Consultation

The Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK (APTUK) is seeking feedback on the draft UK-Wide Post-Registration Pharmacy Technician Career Pathway.

The consultation aims to gather views to help refine and strengthen the pathway before publication.

Feedback received during this consultation will be reviewed by the project team and the APTUK Partners Engagement Group (PEG) and used to inform the final published version.

What Will the Consultation Ask About?

The consultation questionnaire is organised into the following sections:

Section 1: About You

Questions relating to:

- Individual or organisational responses
- Professional role
- Sector of practice
- Nation represented

Section 2: Overall Career Pathway Feedback

Questions relating to:

- The overall purpose of the pathway
- Whether there is a need for a UK-wide pharmacy technician career pathway
- Whether the pathway reflects modern pharmacy technician practice
- Overall impressions of the draft pathway

Section 3: Levels of Practice

Questions relating to:

- Foundation Practice (Level 4)
- Practitioner Practice (Level 5)
- Enhanced Practice (Level 6)
- Clarity and usefulness of the level descriptors
- Terminology used within the pathway

Section 4: Pillars and Domains of Practice

Questions relating to:

Pillar 1: Clinical Practice

- Domain 1: Clinical Practice and Medicines Optimisation

Pillar 2: Leadership and Management

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Pillar 3: Research

- Domain 3: Research, Service Improvement, Quality, Safety and Governance

Pillar 4: Education

- Domain 4: Education and Workforce Development

Respondents will be asked whether the proposed structure adequately reflects pharmacy technician practice.

Section 5: Capability Statements

Questions relating to:

- Clinical Practice and Medicines Optimisation capabilities
- Leadership and Management capabilities
- Research, Service Improvement, Quality, Safety and Governance capabilities
- Education and Workforce Development capabilities

Respondents will have opportunities to suggest additions, amendments or areas for improvement.

Section 6: Career Progression

Questions relating to:

- Progression through levels of practice
- Career mobility
- Capability-based progression
- Additional guidance required

Section 7: Education and Development

Questions relating to:

- Learning and development opportunities
- Educational support
- Signposting to resources
- Usefulness of case studies included in the pathway

Section 8: Implementation

Questions relating to:

- Potential use of the pathway
- Workforce planning
- Professional development
- Barriers to implementation
- Support required for successful implementation

Section 9: Equality and Inclusion

Questions relating to:

- Inclusivity of the pathway
- Impact on groups with protected characteristics
- Representation of sectors, settings and career journeys

Section 10: Equality Monitoring (Optional)

Optional questions relating to:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender
- Ethnicity

This information will be reported only in aggregate and will not be used to identify individual respondents.

Section 11: Final Comments

Questions relating to:

- Overall support for the pathway
- Readiness for publication
- Final observations and recommendations

Preparing Your Response

You may find it helpful to:

- Review the draft pathway document before completing the consultation.
- Discuss the pathway within your team, organisation or professional network.
- Use the Capability Tool to support reflection and discussion.
- Prepare comments in advance if submitting an organisational response.
- Make notes on specific sections, capability statements or areas where amendments are suggested.