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Good medical practice 2024 comes into effect

On 30 January 2024, the updated professional standards for all doctors in the UK came into effect. The GMC's website includes a digital version of the standards and the accompanying more detailed guidance.

The GMC published [Good medical practice 2024](#) in August last year, giving the profession five months to get to know the updated standards before they come into effect. This followed an [extensive review and public consultation](#) on the proposed standards in 2022. [You can find out more about the standards and how they were updated on the GMC's website.](#)

Updated *Sanctions guidance* and explanatory information about the GMC's fitness to practise processes

The [Sanctions guidance](#) has been updated. It will come into effect for hearings starting on 5 February 2024. The updates include:

- ▶ New forewords from the current Chairs of the MPTS and the GMC.

- ▶ Amending references from Good medical practice 2013 to Good medical practise 2024.
- ▶ Amending references to the updated more detailed professional guidance.
- ▶ Updating terminology to reflect how the GMC describes the fitness to practise process.
- ▶ Making it compliant with the Welsh Language Standards.

The GMC has also recently updated it's [fitness to practise explained webpage](#) to include a more detailed explanation of the relationship between fitness to practise and *Good medical practice 2024* and how they assess and respond to concerns they receive about a doctor's fitness to practise.

We hope this update has been helpful. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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