The Royal Pharmaceutical Society Competency Framework

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As part of our commitment to inter-professional learning and in recognition of the emphasis now being placed on adopting interdisciplinary approaches to prescribing proficiency, we have decided that in future all NMC approved prescribing programmes must deliver outcomes which meet the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's (RPS) Competency Framework for all Prescribers[2].

For all categories of prescriber, the RPS Competency Framework applies in full and demonstration of all those competencies contained within it must be achieved in order to be awarded prescriber status.

They must also be maintained thereafter throughout subsequent prescribing practice. The category of award determines the formulary a qualified prescriber may prescribe from.

2 This and subsequent references in these standards to the RPS Competency Framework apply to the version of that document that was in place when these standards came into effect and to any subsequent revisions to it or any documents that replace it.