

Case Study

Assessment Services for Medical Certification Bodies



Royal College of
Obstetricians &
Gynaecologists

General
Pharmaceutical
Council



General
Dental
Council



Challenge

AlphaPlus provides tailored support for professional certification bodies, ranging from professional standards to operation of examination systems

Solution

AlphaPlus helps ensure the proper working of standards, qualifications and assessments and assemble the evidence to demonstrate this. This evidence includes analytical work, often on large datasets; consultation and field work with centres, educators and students; reporting and evidence-led action planning. It often also includes training and capacity development with stakeholders, and support for strategic development. Here are some typical examples of what we do:

- Helping professional bodies redesign their membership and certification processes
- Developing new professional and occupational standards
- Developing new qualifications and curriculums
- Writing high stakes assessments for awarding organisations such as AOs and Government agencies
- Providing an outsourced turnkey examinations service

- Supporting regulators with their work to oversee examinations
- Providing statistical analysis of assessment data
- Moving assessments from on-paper to on-screen
- We have extensive experience of on-screen testing. We support certification bodies in identifying and procuring technology platforms, and we have written thousands of objective and constructed-response test questions for delivery on-screen.
- We provide assessment analysis classical test theory, item response theory and generalisability theory, as well as managing the conduct and analysis of randomised controlled trials.

Our clients include:

- European Society of Cardiology
- General Dental Council
- General Pharmaceutical Council
- Royal Colleges of
 - Surgeons
 - Anaesthetists
 - Obstetricians & Gynaecologists
 - Ophthalmologists
 - Emergency Medicine

AlphaPlus

We help make educational assessments better

AlphaPlus is an education service business that specialises in **standards, assessment** and **certification**. We help our clients design, develop, deploy and evaluate **qualifications** and their **underpinning assessments**.

Our work spans the public and private sectors, schools, colleges, vocational and professional learning.

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Our role

We help medical certification bodies operate their assessments according to internationally recognised best practice in:

- Assessment design
- Assessment delivery
- Scoring and marking
- Standard setting

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