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**A note about the threshold level of qualification for entry to the Register for clinical scientists ('SET 1')**

1. We have produced this short note following a request for clarification about SET 1 as it relates to clinical scientists.
2. The first of the standards of education and training sets out the threshold level of qualification for entry to the Register for each of the professions.
3. For clinical scientists, the standard currently reads:  
  
'Master's degree for...clinical scientists (with the Certificate of Attainment awarded by the Association of Clinical Scientists, or equivalent)'
4. The reference to the Association of Clinical Scientists denotes that entry into this profession includes masters level training / qualification with an award which certifies professional competence. The wording '**or equivalent**' is important here and means that **we will approve any programme that meets our standards – the standards of education and training, ensuring that by completion trainees meet successfully the standards of proficiency for clinical scientists.**
5. The UK qualifications / awards we have approved to date, the successful completion of which lead to eligibility for registration as a clinical scientist, can be found [on our website](#).
7. Any questions about the approval of education and training programmes should be directed to the Education Directorate by emailing: [education@hcpc-uk.org](mailto:education@hcpc-uk.org).