Bowel Cancer Screener Accreditation (BCSA) – Application process

This document outlines the process to apply to become a BCSA screening endoscopist. Bowel Scope and colonoscopy accreditation have different entry requirements but follow this same process. Full details of application criteria can be viewed in the accreditation guidelines

Screening centre/candidate activity

PHE activity

JAG activity

1. Screening centre programme manager downloads the colonoscopy/ bowel scope 'New screener request form' from the 'Downloads' section of the BCSA website.

2. Screening Centre Programme Manager completes form with candidate details and sends to regional QA contact for approval

3. Regional QA team reviews form and on approval sends to national team (PHE.National-Bowelhub@nhs.net) for final review before sending to askJAG@rcplondon.ac.uk

4. JAG office creates user account on BCSA website to allow candidate to complete application. Candidate receives automated email confirming login details

5. JAG office sends confirmation email to candidate (copying in programme manager) to advise them to begin application

6. Candidate completes application, obtains approval from screening centre director and programme manager, and submits online to JAG.

Please note if the application is not completed within 8 weeks, stage 1-3

7. JAG office reviews application – if clarification or additional data is required, candidate and programme manager will be informed

8. Once application is approved by JAG, candidate is sent a list of available assessment date(s) via email. These will be approximately 3 months from date application is accepted.

9. The assessment centre will get in touch with the candidate to confirm the assessment and to finalise details of the assessment 8 weeks prior to the assessment date. A payment of £850 will also be required to be made to the assessment centre.

Timeline

Up to 1 week

1-2 weeks

Up to 3 working days

Up to 1 month

Up to 5 working days

3 Months