



**THE SPECIALIST TRAINING AUTHORITY
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Mr M Stroud
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Dear Mr Stroud

Re: Mr Glen Vardi - GMC Number 3400971

On 1 January 1997 it became a legal requirement to be on the Specialist Register held by the General Medical Council before a doctor can take up a substantive or honorary NHS consultant post in the United Kingdom. This legal requirement does not extend to any other posts in the NHS, such as locum consultants or private practice.

The Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) can only be awarded to doctors who have completed a full UK higher specialist training programme after 12 January 1996 (when the CCST came into effect) and on recommendation from the relevant UK Royal Medical College or Faculty. There are a number of routes to the Specialist Register which do not involve the award of a CCST and I attach a summary of these for your reference.

Mr Vardi was approved for entry to the Specialist Register under article 9(2)(b) of the European Specialist Medical Qualifications Order 1995 on 31 July 1998 in the specialty of Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery. This article states that a doctor "has specialist medical qualifications awarded outside the UK in a specialty listed in Schedule 2 and he satisfies the STA that those qualifications are equivalent to a CCST in the specialty in question".

I attach an STA general information sheet for your information.

Yours sincerely

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Rachel Hume
Executive Secretary