

# The Medical Licensing Assessment in the UK (v1) (Copy)

Knowledge, Perceptions, and Preparedness of Medical Schools

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## MLA Questionnaire

1. Do you identify yourself as (choose all that apply): \*

Medical school staff

NHS staff

2. In terms of your overall job, how much of your time and efforts are spent working with or on behalf of the MBChB/MBBS programme? \*

Little or none

A small percentage

A moderate percentage

A high percentage

Full time

3. Number of years at this medical school? \*

<1

1

2-3

4-5

6-10

>10

4. Please select the best-fitting option to indicate how you identify your **primary** role in the training of medical students at your medical school (choose one): \*

- MBChB/MBBS lead
- Year/phase lead
- Subject lead
- Assessment lead or focus
- Clinical skills lead
- Clinical teaching
- Basic science teaching
- Professional values focus
- Other

## Knowledge

The following items relate to your current knowledge of the MLA. Please use only your own knowledge to answer; do not consult other sources. For each statement about the MLA below, indicate your level of confidence that it is true or untrue.

5. The MLA will be mandatory for students graduating in academic year 2023/24.

- Sure this is true
- Think this is true
- Don't know
- Think this is untrue
- Sure this is untrue

6. From early 2024, international medical graduates applying for registration in the UK will sit the MLA instead of the PLAB.

- Sure this is true
- Think this is true
- Don't know
- Think this is untrue
- Sure this is untrue

7. Once the MLA is implemented, all medical students will have to pass it before they can practice as doctors in the UK.

- Sure this is true
- Think this is true
- Don't know
- Think this is untrue
- Sure this is untrue

8. The GMC will be the primary driver of the content map for the MLA.

- Sure this is true
- Think this is true
- Don't know
- Think this is untrue
- Sure this is untrue

9. Each medical school will create its own version of an applied knowledge test, using GMC guidelines.

- Sure this is true
- Think this is true
- Don't know
- Think this is untrue
- Sure this is untrue

10. Examinees will have access to the questions in advance.

- Sure this is true
- Think this is true
- Don't know
- Think this is untrue
- Sure this is untrue

11. All students across the UK who are in the same cohort will sit an identical knowledge test as part of the MLA.

- Sure this is true
- Think this is true
- Don't know
- Think this is untrue
- Sure this is untrue

12. The clinical and professional skills portion of the MLA is set up by individual medical schools and quality-checked by the GMC.

- Sure this is true
- Think this is true
- Don't know
- Think this is untrue
- Sure this is untrue

13. One of the purposes of the MLA is to ensure that UK medical graduates are of the same standard as graduates from other European countries.

- Sure this is true
- Think this is true
- Don't know
- Think this is untrue
- Sure this is untrue

14. The GMC has published a framework that medical schools can use to ensure their readiness to implement the MLA.

- Sure this is true
- Think this is true
- Don't know
- Think this is untrue
- Sure this is untrue

## Perceptions

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about the MLA.

15. It is a necessary change to assess the competency of UK graduating medical students to enter the UK medical registry.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

16. It is a fairer system than the one currently in place for assessing the competency of UK graduating medical students to enter the UK medical registry.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

17. It provides assurance that everyone who enters the UK medical registry has met the same standard of competency.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

18. It is unnecessary, as there are already effective quality assurance mechanisms in place for assessing competency of graduating medical students in the UK.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

19. It will disadvantage certain groups of examinees.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

20. It will be a new source of unnecessary competition among schools, as schools with higher pass rates will be seen as more desirable.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

21. It brings the UK in line with best practices already implemented elsewhere.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

22. It is stressful for me personally.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

23. I am optimistic that it will be a good change overall.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

24. I am confident that my institution will be able to adapt its curriculum appropriately to help students pass the MLA.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

25. It will take some burden of assessment away from our medical school.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree



26. It is a threat to the autonomy of our medical school.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

27. The impetus for its development is primarily political.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

28. The GMC have done well so far at communicating information about the assessment.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

29. The GMC have been supportive so far in helping schools navigate the challenges of introducing the MLA.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

30. The GMC will tell schools what they must do, and schools will have no choice but to do it.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

31. It creates more burden on our assessment system, which is already working well.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

32. It reduces our school's ability to innovate in our own curriculum.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

33. It will dilute our school's ability to maintain its unique brand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

34. It will unify what is currently a set of heterogeneous exams at different schools.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

35. It will reduce the work that must be done to determine whether trainees are fit to graduate.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Uncertain
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Any other comments.

36. If there are any other comments you wish to make, please enter them here.

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