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CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AND DISTINCTION AWARDS: 2012 Round

The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) is aware that the 2012 processes may be subject to change pending a decision by UK Health Ministers following their consideration of the DDRB Review of Clinical Excellence Awards which is expected in September 2011.

There is currently no information available on the 2012 Awards Rounds in [Northern Ireland](#) or [Scotland](#) on their respective websites. However, for England and Wales, ACCEA has advised that it is currently working on the basis that the 2012 Round will go ahead. It expects the online system to open in October 2011 with a closing date for submission of applications via the online system of Friday 09 December 2011. This timetable is however approximate and may be subject to change depending on the outcome of the DDRB Review. We would refer you to the [recent advice](#) on the ACCEA website where you can also locate 2012 application forms in Word version for drafting purposes prior to the launch of the online system.

Publication of the results of the 2011 Round for England and Wales has been delayed until the Autumn, as advised by the Chair and Medical Director of ACCEA in their [announcement of 29 July](#).

In light of the above, the RCR has made preparations for the 2012 round for England and Wales, maintaining a similar timetable to last year and would be grateful if SIGs could ensure that their members are aware of this.

National Bronze, Silver, Gold Awards

Whilst there will be local arrangements in place for awards at levels 1 to 9, for higher level national awards individuals must apply to their national awards body - ACCEA (England and Wales), SACCCLEA (Scotland), NICEAC (Northern Ireland). The RCR website outlines scheme details and provides key links and information as available from the national bodies. It also explains the RCR's role, how the RCR produces its nominations and, for England and Wales, gives guidance on completing application forms with some sample forms.

To obtain RCR support for higher level national applications, individuals must apply to the RCR. The RCR would be grateful if SIGs could ensure their members are aware of the awards processes.

England and Wales

For England and Wales, the RCR is invited to submit to ACCEA a defined number of nominations for individuals who make sustained contributions at national or international level. To be considered for RCR support at Bronze, Silver or Gold Levels, the closing date for receipt of Clinical Radiology application forms at the College is **12 noon on Monday 10 October 2011**. Please direct your members to the [College website](#) for relevant information and links to further detail about the College process and guidance on completing application forms.

Some, but not all, specialist societies are recognised by ACCEA as independent nominators and the list of those registered with ACCEA for the purpose is available on the [ACCEA website](#). We have been advised that ACCEA will not be inviting new applications for specialist society registration this year. However, the RCR would like to invite all Clinical Radiology Special Interest Groups to provide a list of their recommendations by the end of October 2011 for consideration as part of the RCR process. But please note that the RCR can only consider individuals who have applied to the RCR by the closing date as given above.

ACCEA

The closing date for applications to ACCEA for the 2012 Awards round in England and Wales is **Friday 09 December 2011**. All fully completed applications, ranked lists and citations from employers, nominating bodies, specialist societies and others must be received by ACCEA *via the online system* **by 5.00 pm** on that date.

Please note that information on the 2012 Round for Northern Ireland and Scotland will be forwarded once available.

Queries

If you have any queries, please contact Christine Mellors or Jane Lawrence at the RCR: clinradawards@rcr.ac.uk.