



Reaccreditation options for demonstrating skill maintenance

Demonstrating skill maintenance:

The BSE recognises that the number of scans personally performed by an individual varies according to their seniority and their role in a department. We, therefore, accept evidence of professional activity in the two options below, with minimum numbers within each option that applies.

Option 1: Scanning above a set minimum number of patients per year

- Need to demonstrate a variable proportion of scanning & BSE points
- See the table below for details
- Five years of continuous membership fees

Option 2: Scanning less than a set minimum of patients per year

- *Need to demonstrate senior reporting activity
- Need to demonstrate either, practical echo skills (attending a practical assessment exam), or **demonstrate senior leadership within Echocardiography within one or more of the following domains:

- Echo lead role (Clinical or Scientific) with responsibility for service provision
- Lead Echo trainer/educator (Clinical or Scientific) or Echo trainer with minimum 10% time allocated directly to Echo education and training
- Quality Assessment lead/deputy lead (Clinical or Scientific)
- Senior voluntary role (role within Council, board of Trustees or specialist committees) within BSE for a minimum of 2 years out of the 5-year re-accreditation cycle

- Need 50 BSE re-accreditation points over five years
- Application and practical attendance fee of £160 or £120 for reaccreditation without practical assessment.

*Senior reporting refers to second or third opinions on a finished report, which needs expert assessment. This does not refer to assistance by peer colleagues for routine reporting.

**Senior leadership within an echo department must be confirmed through job description alongside written confirmation of role including echo leadership from the department clinical or scientific lead and from the managerial lead for a senior echo scientist or senior clinical lead for a senior echo clinician (cardiology clinical lead / divisional lead clinician / medical director as appropriate). Application through senior voluntary role within BSE to be approved by the Chair of Accreditation or President.