

BCSA Bowel Cancer Screener
Accreditation

**BCSA accreditation
assessments
New DOPS and DOPyS forms**

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Introduction

All assessments use the same standardised assessment forms.

There are DOPS forms which are used for formative and summative assessment of trainees when applying for JAG certification of endoscopic procedures. The DOPS are scored based on level of supervision necessary for individual competencies. The descriptors reflect the individual components necessary for competent independent practice.

The BCS accreditation assessments use a summative version of the colonoscopy DOPS form for all assessments in both Colonoscopy and Bowel Scope screening.

The key aspects of the forms are summarised below.

Notable changes for DOPS

The basic format of the form includes a separate endoscopy non-technical skills (ENTS) section (all sections listed below):

Number	Section name	Number of items in section
1	Pre-procedure	5
2	Procedure	14
3	Post-procedure	2
4	ENTS (endoscopic non-technical skills)	4

All DOPS forms are now completed online from the assessor's BCSA account. Each assessor must complete a DOPS form for each case for all candidates on the DOPS assessment.

To pass the DOPS assessment, candidates must score 'achieved' (or N/A) in each individual item of the DOPS form.

- There are no longer any major and minor criteria.
- Assessors must explain why an item was not assessed if a score of N/A is awarded (using the appropriate comments section).
- Assessors must explain the rationale (using the appropriate comments section) behind any score of 'not achieved' for each of the items in order for a score of 'not achieved' to be awarded.

Notable changes for DOPyS

These are now completed online.

As with DOPS, the form includes a separate ENTS section (all sections listed below):

To pass the DOPyS each of the sections must have an overall score of 'achieved', or where relevant 'does not apply'.

- All sections are completed except for sections 2 and 3, where only the relevant section should be completed, as determined by the polyp type.
- Scores of 'achieved', 'not achieved' or 'N/A' must be completed for each item in each section.
- In addition, there is an overall 'achieved'/'not achieved' score for each of the 5 sections.
- A delegate may fail one or more individual item(s) of a section and still be deemed to score 'achieved' overall for that section. For example in a sessile lesions the candidate may fail the item 'Tents lesion gently away from the mucosa', but still be scored as 'achieved' for the section overall.
- Assessors must explain why an item was not assessed if a score of N/A is awarded (using the appropriate comments section).
- Assessors must explain the rationale (using the appropriate comments section) behind any score of 'not achieved' for each of the items in order for a score of 'not achieved' to be awarded.

N.B To pass an assessment a candidate is expected to get a pass on every item. In exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the assessment team, it may be possible for a candidate to pass even though they have not passed one or more items. If this is the case, the assessor is required to add an explanatory comment on the DOPS form and contact the JAG Office to confirm this.

Assessor declaration and candidate feedback

- The 'Assessor declaration and candidate feedback form' which needs to be completed after each assessment has been simplified
- There is a new grid on the feedback form which is aimed to allow assessors to support candidates to continue to develop by giving them high level feedback (assessors are asked to give each candidate 3 scores between 1-5: for endoscopic knowledge, endoscopic technical skill and ENTS).
- This form must be completed on the BCSA website as soon as possible following the assessment.

Assessment process

- The assessment process is unchanged. Simply there are new forms to support assessors and candidates through the assessment process.
- All DOPS assessment forms are completed online by the assessors. This should be completed during the assessment by the assessors:
- 1 x BCSA summative DOPS form per case per assessor
BCSA summative DOPyS forms for all cases where 'Therapy (DOPyS)' on the summative DOPS form has a value of 'achieved' or 'not achieved'. Individual DOPyS should be completed for all polypectomies completed per case
- 1 x BCSA assessor declaration and candidate feedback form for each candidate

For queries on any of the changes please contact the BCSA administration team at askjag@rcp.ac.uk or call 0203 075 1620.

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