

ARRS Advanced Practitioners (APs) Checklist

A limit to the total WTE of Advanced Practitioners that can be reimbursed under ARRS applies:

- ✓ A limit of three WTE Advanced Practitioners applies where the PCN's list size numbers 99,999 or fewer
- ✓ A limit of six WTE Advanced Practitioners applies where the PCN's list size numbers 100,000 or over

- ✓ Do they have a master's degree level in the relevant area of expertise (specific criteria for Advanced Clinical Practitioner Nurses in [section B15.2.d of the DES](#))?
- ✓ Do they meet all the role specific requirements detailed in [section B15.2 of the DES](#) (specific sections B15.2.c for AP Pharmacists and B15.2.d for Advanced Clinical Practitioner Nurses)?
- ✓ Will they be delivering all aspects of the role outline in [section B15.3 of the DES](#)?
- ✓ Are they / Will they be completing the relevant training to provide multi-professional clinical supervision to other roles within primary care?
- ✓ Is the PCN within the ARRS Advanced Practitioner recruitment cap (3 FTE for PCNs with <100,000 list size, 6 FTE for PCNs with >99,999 list size)?
- ✓ Will they be working as an integrated part of a PCN multi-disciplinary team?
- ✓ Will they be working a minimum of 0.5wte to ensure consistent service provision?
- ✓ Will they be employed for a minimum of 6 months?
- ✓ Have they been appointed to the role after March 2019?

If the answer to all the above points is yes, then the role is eligible under ARRS (note for ANCP please see additional points on the next slide).

ARRS FAQs: Advanced Clinical Practitioner Nurses (ACPN)

1. What are the requirements for an Advanced Clinical Practitioner Nurse to be eligible under ARRS?

To be eligible for ARRS reimbursement, ACPNs must:

- have demonstrated that they hold or are eligible for an 'Advanced' digital badge issued by the Centre for Advancing Practice.
- be delivering all additional key responsibilities detailed in section B15.3 of the [DES](#).
- be completing the relevant training to provide multi-professional clinical supervision to other roles within primary care.
- be working as part of a PCN multi-disciplinary team
- be working a minimum of 0.5wte to ensure consistent service provision
- be employed for a minimum of 6 months
- have been appointed to the role after March 2019

2. What are the criteria to become eligible for an 'Advanced' digital badge issued by the Centre for Advancing Practice?

There are two routes to become eligible for the 'Advanced' digital badge:

- a) By graduating from a Centre for Advancing Practice accredited MSc advanced practice programme
- b) By completing the Centre for Advancing Practice's ePortfolio (supported) Route.

3. Is the individual eligible for reimbursement under ARRS if they have not applied for the 'Advanced' digital badge but have met one of the criteria in question 2?

Yes, the minimum requirement in the DES is not to hold the digital badge but to be eligible by having completed the two options which lead to the individual becoming eligible to apply for the badge.

4. If the individual has completed a course that is not accredited by the Centre for Advancing Practice, but it does meet the four pillars of clinical practice, is this sufficient to be eligible for reimbursement?

Only if they have also completed the Centre for Advancing Practice's ePortfolio (supported) Route. This is because an individual must hold or be eligible for the digital badge and this is only possible by graduating from a Centre for Advancing Practice accredited MSc advanced practice programme or by completing the Centre for Advancing Practice's ePortfolio (supported) Route.

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5. Is an individual reimbursable as an ACPN if they are working towards becoming eligible for an 'Advanced' digital badge?

No, the individual must already be eligible for the digital badge to be reimbursable

6. Can an ACPN who is already in post, but who wasn't in post in March 2019 be reimbursed?

Yes as long as they meet the requirements for reimbursement detailed in [section B15 of the DES](#).

7. How can an individual apply for a digital badge?

Here is a short video which explains how to [claim a digital badge](#) . Please note whilst applying for the badge is encouraged, holding the badge is not essential for reimbursement. The minimum requirement is that the individual is eligible for the digital badge

8. How can an individual commence the ePortfolio route?

An individual needs to enter an Expression of Interest [via this link](#). They will then be included in the next cohort

To note, more courses are becoming accredited over time so it is encouraged for individuals who have completed qualifications to see if the process is underway by checking with the education provider.

9. If a course becomes accredited after an individual has completed it, are they eligible for reimbursement under ARRS?

Yes, once the course is accredited the individual will become eligible for the Centre's 'Advanced' digital badge and therefore eligible for reimbursement under ARRS.

10. If an individual has completed a course that is in the process of becoming accredited, are they eligible for reimbursement under ARRS?

No, the individual is not reimbursable until the course has completed the accreditation process.

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