

JAG Trainee Certification

Guidance for Diagnostic Upper GI Endoscopy

JAG Certification is a two-part process, with **Provisional JAG Certification** followed by a shorter period of advanced, targeted training prior to **Full JAG Certification**.

Provisional JAG Certification

Satisfactory completion of the steps outlined below will lead to Provisional JAG Certification for the nominated procedure:

1. Register a Form G with the JAG
2. Develop and maintain an endoscopy portfolio containing those items listed in the **JAG Trainee Certification – General Guidance** document, available in the Download Centre of the JAG Website (www.thejag.org.uk).
3. Meet the specific eligibility criteria for Provisional JAG Certification (outlined below) and agree between trainer and trainee that a Summative DOPS Assessment would be appropriate.

The use of DOPS for JAG Certification for endoscopists in training must be in partnership with audited performance data that are guaranteed by a relevant trainer at the time of the assessment. Performance data must be in line with the current national standards for upper endoscopy. At present these are confined to those items noted below indicated with a *.

Criteria	Thresholds
Lifetime endoscopy number	> 200 (recommended)
Lifetime serious complications	< 0.5%
* Sedation levels in the under and over-70's (≤5mg midazolam in <70 yrs; ≤2.5mg midazolam in ≥70 yrs in those patients not having topical anaesthesia)	Midazolam < 5 / <2.5 mg
Endoscopies in previous 12 months	> 100 (recommended)
* Retroflexion in stomach to visualise fundus in	> 95%
* Duodenal 2nd part intubation rates on an intention-to-intubate basis	> 95%
Data certified	Endoscopic supervisor
* DOPS Results	Grade 3 or 4, with no Grade 1 or 2's in any domain

4. Undertake the Summative DOPS Assessment
5. Submit to the JAG Office a Trainee Portfolio, including all documents outlined in the **JAG Trainee Certification – General Guidance** document, available in the Download Centre of the JAG Website (www.thejag.org.uk).

Continued Practise

Continued monitoring of data should meet the performance standards criteria below:

Criteria	Thresholds
Serious complications	< 0.5%
Mean sedation rates under 70 yrs / 70+	Midazolam < 5 / <2.5 mg
Endoscopies in previous 12 months	> 100 (recommended)
Retroflexion in stomach	> 95%
D2 intubation	> 95%
Data certified	Endoscopic supervisor

And adhere to the following Continued Professional Development requirements:

1. Trainer available within *endoscopy unit* to supervise next 50 “independent procedures”
2. Trainer available within *hospital* to supervise subsequent 50 procedures
3. Targeted training on more difficult / complex cases
4. Peer review annually, using DOPS over four cases, by consultant trainers

Full JAG Certification

To achieve Full JAG Certification, the trainee should meet the criteria above, continue to collect data and follow the guidance laid down within the Continued Practise area of this document.

Upon successful submission of a declaration and data summary to the JAG Office, Full JAG Certification will be awarded.

Special Notes

1. The JAG Trainee Certification process is likely to change in the coming twelve months. It is therefore highly recommended that all trainees refer to the JAG website (www.thejag.org.uk) for the most up to date guidance.