



The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in revalidation

Revalidation, which forms part of the annual renewal process, is a way for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to maintain and develop their professional knowledge and skills and also demonstrate to members of the public that they are meeting our **standards for pharmacy professionals** as well as maintaining public trust in pharmacy as a profession.

The GPhC recognises that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are increasingly likely to use AI tools in a range of different ways, both in their professional and personal settings.

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians must consider the **standards for pharmacy professionals** when using AI tools, especially standard five, as AI should not be used as a substitute for professional judgement.

Appropriate use of AI in revalidation

AI can be a helpful tool in supporting revalidation, but it can also be misused. Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians can use AI in a variety of ways, including but not limited to, helping check grammar, reviewing a revalidation record, helping to reflect on a previous year's revalidation record and providing references.

However, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are accountable for their use of AI and have a responsibility to confirm the accuracy of any information or references provided by AI.

It is not appropriate for a pharmacist or a pharmacy technician to use AI to create full revalidation submissions or falsify information. Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians must demonstrate honesty, transparency and integrity in all aspects of their professional career, including when undertaking revalidation, and in their use of AI.

Possible actions in response to inappropriate use of AI in revalidation

If there is a reason to suspect that a pharmacist or pharmacy technician has inappropriately used AI to fulfil the requirements of revalidation, further action may be taken which could include:

- A requirement for the pharmacist or pharmacy technicians to submit their revalidation records the following year for review
- Failing the current submission and asking the pharmacist or pharmacy technician to produce new revalidation records, and

- Potentially investigating the submission under ***fitness to practice procedures***, which may result in administrative removal from the register

The proportionate, responsible use of AI can be positive and helpful in constructing revalidation records. However, it is important that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians do not use AI inappropriately.