



Fact Sheet: Duration of scope of clinical practice

Overview

- Certain types of scope of clinical practice (SoCP) have limits as to the maximum period of time for which they can be valid.
- These are maximum periods therefore a SoCP may be approved for a shorter period.
- The duration of SoCP may be limited to reflect the period of contracted employment. For example: an SMO on a 6 month contract.
- If a short period of SoCP is approved, the reasons for the reduced period must be clearly stated in the SoCP letter.

SoCP Type	Practitioner	Maximum duration
Interim SoCP	All	Three (3) calendar months
Formal SoCP without supervision	Employed by the HHS (e.g. SMO or Senior Dentist)	Five (5) years
Formal SoCP without supervision	Visiting medical officer or dentist	Five (5) years
Formal SoCP without supervision	Locum	Three (3) years
Formal SoCP with supervision	All	Two (2) years
Formal SoCP approved by Mutual Recognition	All	Same expiry date as the primary SoCP
Disaster situations	All	14 days
Emergency situations	All	24 hours