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COSCA Validated Courses in Counselling and Psychotherapy Blended and Fully Online (Real Time) Delivery Overview

The date for the lifting of all Scottish Government COVID-19 legal restrictions in Scotland is 21st March 2022. However, training providers should thereafter continue to follow the Scottish Government's COVID-19 guidance and also any guidance issued by COSCA.

Given the upcoming lifting of all legal restrictions, COSCA expects that validated training providers will return to face to face delivery of their courses by the start of the new academic year 2022-2023 or the beginning of October 2022 if not running to an academic year schedule, unless they have already been given permission not to make this return.

In accordance, I would like to inform you that COSCA has now changed its position regarding the face- to- face delivery of COSCA validated courses. COSCA validated training providers can now apply to deliver their currently validated courses either in a blended or fully online (real time) format, depending on the particular course. Please note that providers are not required to use these formats but can do so if they wish and are approved by COSCA to do so.

Guidance and the application forms for either blended and full online (real time) delivery are on the COSCA website under validation. Below is a link to these documents:
<https://www.cosca.org.uk/our-services/course-validation/registration-blendedonline-real-time-delivery>

The above guidance on blended and fully online (real time) provides information on:

- the rationale for the above change of position
- the meaning of blended and fully online (real time)
- the courses that can be delivered in a blended and/or fully online (real time) format
- the application fee for blended and fully online (real time) delivery
- the system for paying COSCA for digital copies of the handbooks
- the system for registering participants on courses delivered in the above formats

The application forms provide information on:

- the criteria for applying for approval to deliver in a blended or online format
- how to submit the application.

You can now apply for your currently validated course to be delivered in a blended and/or fully online (real time) format. Please note that decisions on applications will be made as soon as possible after the closing date. Further submission dates for the above applications can be found on the COSCA website.

Validated courses that have not applied for and/or been approved to deliver by blended and/or fully online (real time) format **will not** be permitted to deliver in this format from the beginning of October 2022.

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COSCA (Counselling & Psychotherapy in Scotland)
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Magee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Brian Magee
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