



Application for BSCI/BSCCT Accreditation in Cardiovascular CT

Level 2 Clinical Practitioner

Level 3

I hereby make an application to the BSCI/BSCCT for Clinical Practitioner accreditation in Cardiovascular CT. I agree to the withdrawal of accreditation if any of the statements I make in this regard are found to be false or if any of the rules governing this process are violated.

Background and Eligibility

This application is for those looking to accredit as either a Level 2 Clinical Practitioner or Level 3 in Cardiac CT. Applicants will typically (i) have existing Level 2 or Level 3 BSCI/BSCCT accreditation; (ii) be practicing clinical cardiac CT routinely; and (iii) be approaching the end of their accreditation period. This form allows the applicant to:

- (i) re-accredit as a Level 2 Clinical Practitioner
- (ii) upgrade to the more advanced Level 3 accreditation
- (iii) renew an existing Level 3 accreditation.

Notes

1. Clinical Practitioner accreditation is designed for cardiac CT practitioners showing an ongoing commitment to clinical cardiac CT delivery. As such, cases must be accrued in clinical practice; those obtained on Training Courses are **not** eligible towards the case requirement. Applicants looking to apply for Level 2 Accreditation following a Training Course should apply using the 'BSCI Level 2 Initial' application form.
2. Occasionally, experienced practitioners may not have applied for accreditation previously and wish to apply for Level 2 Clinical Practitioner or Level 3 accreditation directly. Such applicants may still apply using this form but should note **the additional mandatory requirements outlined in Section 3**. Applicants may wish to contact the BSCI Accreditation Committee in advance of submitting an application in order to confirm eligibility in principle. Applicants should note that this confirmation does not constitute a guarantee that a successful application upon review.
3. The onus is on the applicant to demonstrate clearly that they have reached the required standard. Applications that are unclear or do not include all of the required information will be suspended and returned to the applicant for clarification and resubmission.

Section 1

Applicant Information

PERSONAL DETAILS	
Name	
BSCI member?	Yes/No
Membership number	
Date of birth	Phone
Current address	
Current accreditation level	
I am applying for	Level 2 Clinical Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 <input type="checkbox"/>
Email	GMC number (or equivalent)
FIELD OF SPECIALISATION	
Radiology / Cardiology / Other ¹	Year of training / date of consultant appointment
FRCR / FRCP / MRCP / Other ¹	Date
CURRENT INSTITUTION	
Institution	City
Role	Start date

¹ If you (i) are not a Radiologist or Cardiologist by training and/or (ii) have not completed the corresponding postgraduate qualifications (FRCR/MRCP or equivalent), please provide a separate statement detailing current scope of and the relevance of BSCI Level 2 accreditation to your medical practice.

Section 2

Cardiovascular CT clinical activity and CPD requirements

For both Clinical Practitioner categories, the minimum level of clinical activity that you will be able to demonstrate is 300 cases over the past three years (most will have undertaken considerably more than this). Case experience derived from Training Courses **cannot** be used to count towards this requirement. You will also have been undertaking relevant CPD and will be able to demonstrate **at least 20 hours** of Category 1 CPD pertinent to cardiovascular CT over this period.

Applications to Level 2 Clinical Practitioner and Level 3 are not encouraged before 3 years have elapsed since initial accreditation. However, such applications may be considered where individuals have accumulated the minimum requirements and wish to expedite the process. There will be no reduction in application fee for applications made less than 3 years since Level 2 Initial accreditation.

1. Clinical Cases.

- 300 contrast-enhanced cardiac CT acquisitions are required, all of which the applicant must personally supervise (including patient preparation, scan planning, scan acquisition and scan reconstruction), post-process and report.
- You must complete the 'Verification of Hands on Practice' form, which takes the place of an exhaustive logbook of cases. If desired, a departmental letter using the same form of words may be submitted instead. **The form (or letter) must be signed by a practitioner accredited to BSCI/BSCCT Level 2 Clinical Practitioner or Level 3 standard.**
 - BSCI/BSCCT Level 2 Initial accredited practitioners **are not eligible** to sign this form.
 - The BSCI recognises the accreditation programmes of both the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (SCCT) and European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging (EACVI). Level 2 or 3 accredited cardiovascular CT practitioners from these societies may sign this form. At the discretion of the Accreditation Committee, practitioners accredited by other societies may also be considered eligible.
- You must provide a logbook of **25 dated, anonymised but otherwise complete cardiovascular CT reports**. No patient-identifiable information should be included on these reports.

2. 20 hours of Category 1 CPD within 36 months of application

- All CPD **must** be pertinent to cardiovascular CT and supported by formal certificates stating the number of CPD hours granted for the activity.
- If the submitted CPD certificates relate to general or multi-stream meetings, the onus is on the applicant to detail the lectures and modules attended relevant to this application. The applicant will then be credited an appropriate proportion of the CPD value of the meeting certificate.
- If this detail is not provided and/or, in the view of the Accreditation Committee, the claimed CPD has unclear relevance to cardiac CT accreditation, **no credit will be allocated**. If the CPD requirement is not met as a result, forms will be returned to the applicant for clarification and resubmission. The application will be suspended in the meantime.

Section 3

Applicants applying directly for Level 2 Clinical Practitioner or Level 3 accreditation

All cardiovascular CT clinical practitioners must have received core training in the technique and BSCI Level 2 Initial accreditation is designed to evidence this. Applicants **without BSCI Level 2 Initial Accreditation** wishing to apply directly for Level 2 Clinical Practitioner or Level 3 Accreditation must still demonstrate that they have received the same core training by completing this section.

Details of Cardiac CT training must be provided in the attached form, along with dates of training. If more space is required, a separate chronological list of training may be provided with the application.

Two methods are available to evidence core cardiovascular CT training:

1. Completion of the 'Verification of core cardiovascular CT training' form (below) by a practitioner accredited to BSCI/BSCCT Level 2 Clinical Practitioner or Level 3 standard. The form **must** be completed fully (including membership number of the accrediting body) to be valid.
 - BSCI Level 2 Initial accredited practitioners **are not eligible** to sign this form.
 - The BSCI recognises the accreditation programmes of both the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (SCCT) and European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging (EACVI). Level 2 or Level 3 accredited cardiovascular CT practitioners from these societies may sign this form. At the discretion of the Accreditation Committee, practitioners accredited to at least Level 2 standard by other societies may also be considered eligible.
2. Provision of CPD certificates for lectures, online training and/or courses that demonstrably cover the content outlined in the Verification box below. A total of at least **16 hours** of CPD must be provided; these may also be used to count towards the general 20-hour CPD requirement for Level 2 Clinical Practitioner or Level 3 Accreditation.

Applicants accredited by other societies

Applicants with existing Level 2 or Level 3 cardiovascular CT accreditation with either the SCCT or EACVI **do not** need to complete Section 3, but should instead include their Accreditation certificates with their application. At the discretion of the Accreditation Committee, practitioners accredited in cardiovascular CT to at least Level 2 standard by other societies may also be considered eligible. In this circumstance, the applicant should provide full details and eligibility criteria of the accrediting body. Applicants must still complete all other relevant sections of this application form.

DETAILS OF CARDIAC CT TRAINING ²		
Institution		City
Role	Start date	End date
Institution		City
Role	Start date	End date

VERIFICATION OF CORE CARDIOVASCULAR CT TRAINING	
Statement of Accredited Cardiovascular CT Practitioner	
<p>I verify that the applicant has received core training in cardiovascular CT that includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Image optimization, radiation dose reduction, and advanced post-processing. 2. Functional assessment with cardiac CT and correlation with other modalities. 3. Bypass graft anatomy and assessment. 4. Coronary artery stent assessment. 6. Assessment of valvular heart disease including TAVI planning. 7. Role of CT in patients with heart failure. 8. Role of CT in pericardial diseases and cardiac masses. 9. The role of CT in evaluation of congenital heart disease. 10. Assessment of non-cardiac (esp lung) pathology included in the wider field of view. 	
Signature	Title
Name	Date
Accreditation body	
Level of Accreditation	Membership number
Email	
Institution and position	
Address	

² If more space is required, please provide a chronological list of training via a separate written statement.

Section 4

Level 3 Accreditation

The BSCI/BSCCT appreciates that individuals may be undertaking a more extended role in Cardiac CT, with regular, ongoing research, teaching and/or leadership activity. **Level 3** is designed as a badge to reflect this where such additional contributions to the Cardiac CT community are substantial. If this applies to you, this may be recognized through application for **Level 3** accreditation. Evidence provided must relate to activity undertaken **since the time of your last accreditation**.

You **must** fulfill **at least one** of the categories below:

1. Research activity: (you must satisfy at least one of the following criteria)

- You have co-authored 3 original articles specifically related to cardiovascular CT (original research, reviews or editorial pieces; must be searchable in PubMed).
- You have completed a higher degree related to cardiovascular CT in the past three years.

2. Teaching and training: (you must satisfy at least two of the following criteria)

- You practise at a training centre and are routinely delivering in-house training in cardiac CT.
- You are teaching on Level 2 (or equivalent) Cardiac CT classroom courses, and have done so at least annually since the time of your last accreditation.
- You are teaching at least annually on Cardiac CT at regional, national or international meetings (**NB.** local departmental talks do **not** qualify).

3. Leadership in Cardiovascular CT

- You are a Committee member in a national or international cardiovascular CT society, as evidenced by a confirmatory letter from the current society President.

Give full details of how the above apply to you in a simple document.

- Provide a short statement supporting your application for the category/categories of your choice.
- For teaching and training you must also provide documentary evidence in the form of meeting programs, invitation letters, delegate feedback, trainee feedback, etc.
- Where the activity is undertaken in-house, you must provide details of the number and variety of trainees, frequency and duration of attachments and evidence of outcome, (for example, by providing evidence of individuals becoming accredited in cardiac CT).
- In the case of an application for recognition of academic distinction, please provide a list of all relevant publications, in standard format, with a short statement summarizing the relevance of each publication. In general, case reports are **not** sufficient to meet the requirements for Level 3 accreditation.
- All applications are independently reviewed by two committee members. The chair of the accreditation committee will arbitrate when necessary and the decision of the BSCI/BSCCT accreditation committee is final.

Section 5

Verification of Hands-On Practice

VERIFICATION OF HANDS ON PRACTICE	
Statement of Accredited Cardiovascular CT Practitioner	
<p>I verify that the applicant has performed and reported at least 300 contrast-enhanced cardiovascular CT studies in the past 3 years.</p> <p>I verify that the applicant is a specialist registrar, clinical specialist or consultant (or equivalent, if applying from outside the UK). They work in this department and are in good standing.</p> <p>I verify that the applicant is providing 25 anonymised but otherwise complete cardiac CT reports, each including date of study, indication, technique, DLP, findings and conclusion.</p>	
Signature	Title
Name	Date
Accreditation body	
Level of Accreditation	Membership number
Email	
Institution and position	
Address	

Section 6

Agreement to Terms

As the **applicant**, I understand and agree that, in consideration of my application, my practice may be reviewed and assessed by the Society and that the Society may make enquiries into such practice to whomsoever they deem appropriate. If the information gathered is at odds with the details contained within the application, I will be given the opportunity to address such conflicts, but will not be advised as to the identity of the individuals who have furnished this information. I understand that, in addition, all statements and other information furnished to the Society in connection with this application should be confidential and not subject to examination by me or anyone acting on my behalf.

Signature of Applicant	Date
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Application fee (LEVEL 2 CP AND LEVEL 3).

This application must be accompanied with payment in full as below:

BSCI members in good standing: £175.00

Non-members: £250.00

We endeavor to process applications within 8 weeks. More rapid accreditation (2 weeks) can be requested for an **additional** administrative fee of £100.00.

Instruction to Applicant:

Applications and payment for BSCI Accreditation **MUST** be submitted in electronic format.

1. Complete the application form and state clearly which level you are applying for.
2. Collate supporting documentation including Verification of Hands-On Practice. All required signatures must be present for the application to be considered complete. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.
3. Scan the completed application form and all supporting documentation.
4. Email a copy of the completed application form and supporting documentation to:

bsci@biomedex.co.uk

6. The appropriate fee should be paid by BACS with your name as the reference

BACS payment details are

Account Name: "BSCI / BSCCT"

Account Number: 81374346

Sort Code: 40 16 57;

BIC: HBUKGB4124C

IBAN: GB23 HBUK 4016 5781 3743 46

Postal address:

BSCI Secretariat c/o BioMedEx, Centrum House, 38 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3DX, UK

T: +44(0)141 378 0958

Checklist for application

1. Provide a valid phone number, fax and e-mail address on your application in order to avoid delays.
2. Include your BSCI Membership number (if appropriate).
3. Payment made by BACS.
4. Relevant Verification of Clinical Practice by head of department or medical director.
5. Include:
 - Verification of CPD
 - 25 dated, anonymised but otherwise complete cardiovascular CT reports.
 - Supporting information for Level 3 application, if appropriate to application.