

# WHAT IS EVIDENCE?



Effective evidence should demonstrate that the work you detail is clearly your own, or, if collaborative work, your input in this should be clear. The evidence you select should show how your knowledge has been applied within your practice. The following guide can help you when collecting, assembling and submitting your evidence.

Assembling your evidence is likely to be the most time-consuming part of the application process. You may have kept a record of CPD and useful documents as you went along. However, even if not, you should be able to find appropriate evidence.

It is important to present the best evidence you can when you submit your application. However, if an assessor needs to know more they will ask you for more information or evidence, but this will extend the time period for assessing your application.

## WHAT IF I CAN'T FIND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE FOR EVERYTHING I DO?

Remember you are providing examples of your practice, not of everything you do. You may however need to think of wider evidence you could use if your work is of a confidential nature or the document in question does not clearly demonstrate what your input was.



Use your supporting statement to expand on what is missing, or unclear, and why.

Use other forms of indirect evidence such as event coverage, evaluations or a testimonial from a colleague, alongside evidence of other activities you have undertaken in this competency area.

**Poorly presented evidence can weaken or delay your application and make it harder for assessors to come to a decision. To allow proper assessment:**

- Provide PDFs rather than Word or Excel documents, where possible
- Number each piece of evidence and link it to the Competency Mapping and Supporting Statement
- Present it in the same order you have listed it on the online Competency Mapping Tab, keeping each piece of evidence as a separate file - don't merge into one
- Each specialism applied for must be accompanied by evidence of no more than 100 digital pages.

## Examples of suitable evidence

Advice documents on the delivery of nutrition or dietary policy issues

Certificate of attendance at relevant conference or webinar, with content details and reflection

Conduct and analysis of research

Educational material prepared, produced, developed or delivered

Front cover, contents page(s) and relevant extracts of authored/edited book

Input into consultation documents

Lecture or presentation notes or slides

Marketing/communications materials produced

Membership of advisory bodies with evidence of contribution (such as minutes)

Published webpages or blogs (screenshots or links) with evidence of contribution

Scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals (abstract only required)

Summary of client reports (personal details redacted)



Nutrition is an extremely varied profession, so it is difficult for AfN to provide a definitive list of evidence. This list can however be used to give you an indication of the types of evidence that could be used to support your application.