

CET claims Essex 2020 – Locum arrangements.

The NHS grant for CET expenses in the year 2019 is available to claim from PCSE from 1st August 2020.

This is an online only system now, and Essex LOC is available to help Essex Performers to claim their grant.

NHSE require all Performers on the NHS list to be “attached” to a practice to qualify for the grant. This will be done as normal business administration for employed Performers, and Self Employed Performers will need to find a compliant Contractor in order to be attached. This will normally be the practice where their work takes place, but that is not essential. Any compliant Contractor can attach any Performer to their practice.

If any self employed Locum Optometrist working or living in Essex is unable to find a compliant Contractor, Essex LOC is able to offer assistance.

The procedure is straightforward, although it can appear daunting when reading online instructions.

First, ask a contractor to attach you to their practice.

Next, an invitation from PCSE arrives to the Performer by email to confirm the registration and to offer the choice of password on the PCSE website.

Using that information, go online to make a CET claim. There is a helpful video guide from Katharine Venerus for this stage. You only need to press a couple of buttons and sign the claim, but the navigation around the site can be daunting.

When the claim is first made and signed, this is saved online for the contractor to complete.

The Performer’s task is now complete. The contractor goes online to verify and complete the claim, which is then paid to the contractor along with the usual NHS claims on a monthly basis.

The arrangements between Contractor and a Performer are confidential, and the financial arrangements concerning reimbursements and fees should be clearly understood by both parties.

Essex LOC offers a free service to give guidance to applicants, via Treasurer@Essex-Loc.org. There are LOC Contractor members who are able to attach Performers and process their claims, and we are able to direct Applicants to those Contractors. We do not expect Contractors to offer these services without charge, and any fees involved should be agreed beforehand. We only offer a free introductory service to both parties. Our understanding is that the AOP supports this assistance to bona fide applicants.

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