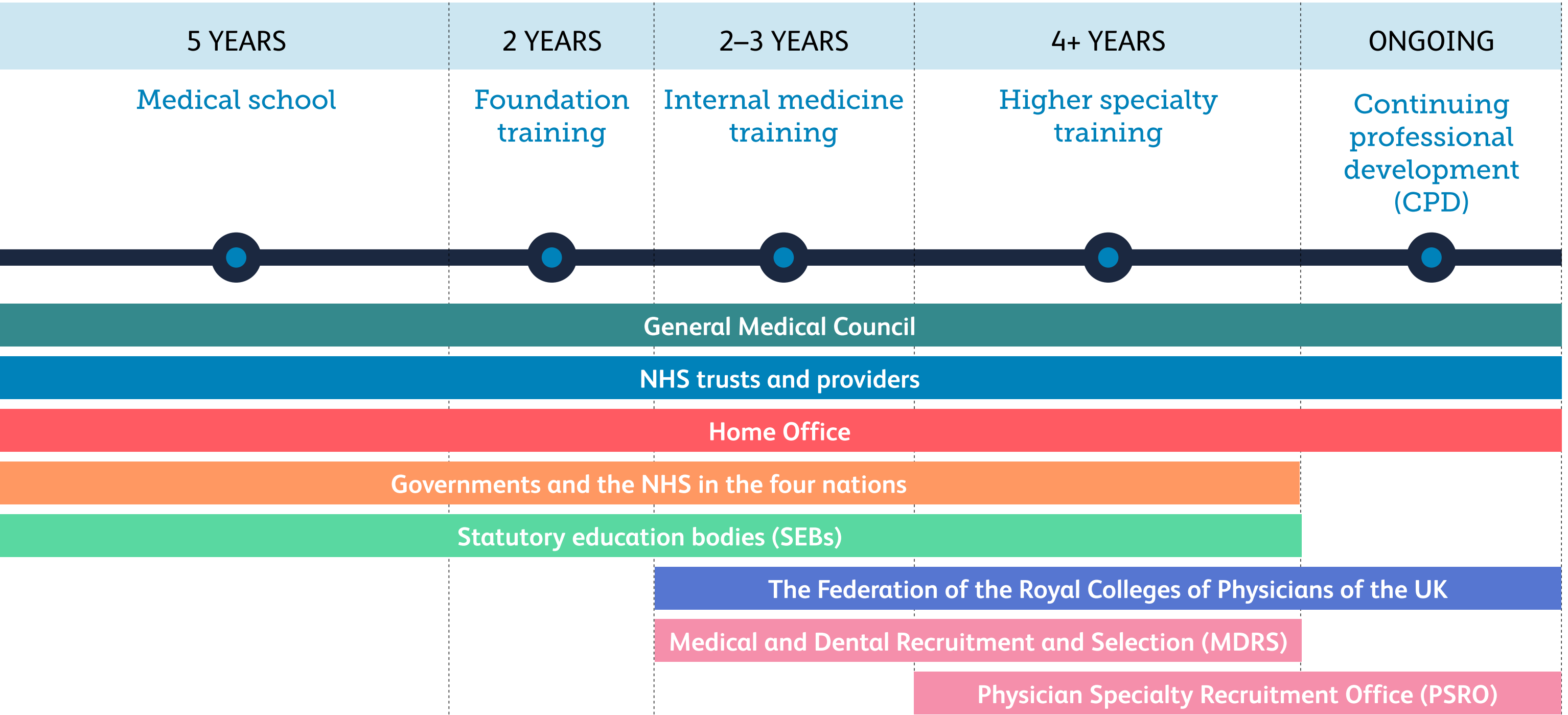


# The UK physician training pathway



<b>General Medical Council</b> The regulator for all undergraduate and postgraduate medical training in the UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Quality assurance of postgraduate training</li><li>&gt; Maintains specialist and medical register</li><li>&gt; Sets standards for training, curricula and assessment</li><li>&gt; Approves curricula and assessment frameworks</li></ul>	<b>NHS trusts and providers</b> Delivery of training and ongoing professional development	<b>Home Office</b> Determines immigration settings for international medical graduates	<b>Governments and the NHS in the four nations</b> Sets the number of training posts available	<b>Statutory education bodies (SEBs)</b> Responsible for the support, supervision and delivery of medical training in each of the UK nations. They oversee the work of local education training boards in England and deaneries in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, the bodies responsible for the education and training of doctors at a local level. This is where training programme directors and heads of schools are based <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; NHS England Workforce, Training and Education (WTE)</li><li>&gt; Health Education and Improvement Wales</li><li>&gt; Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency</li><li>&gt; NHS Education for Scotland</li></ul>	<b>The Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK</b> A partnership between the RCP, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Assesses CESR / portfolio pathway applications</li><li>&gt; Postgraduate curricula development via specialty advisory committees (SACs)</li><li>&gt; CPD diary for members and fellows</li><li>&gt; Assessments and exams (eg MRCP)</li><li>&gt; ePortfolio access</li></ul>	<b>Medical and Dental Recruitment and Selection (MDRS)</b> NHS England WTE subgroup that supervises recruitment into postgraduate training across the four nations  <b>Physician Specialty Recruitment Office (PSRO)</b> Works within MDRS to deliver recruitment to physician specialties, including IMT
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Doctors who have not completed a GMC-approved training programme but have the knowledge, skills and experience equivalent to the approved curriculum may still join the specialist register through the portfolio pathway (formerly known as the certificate of eligibility for specialist registration, or the CESR route).

