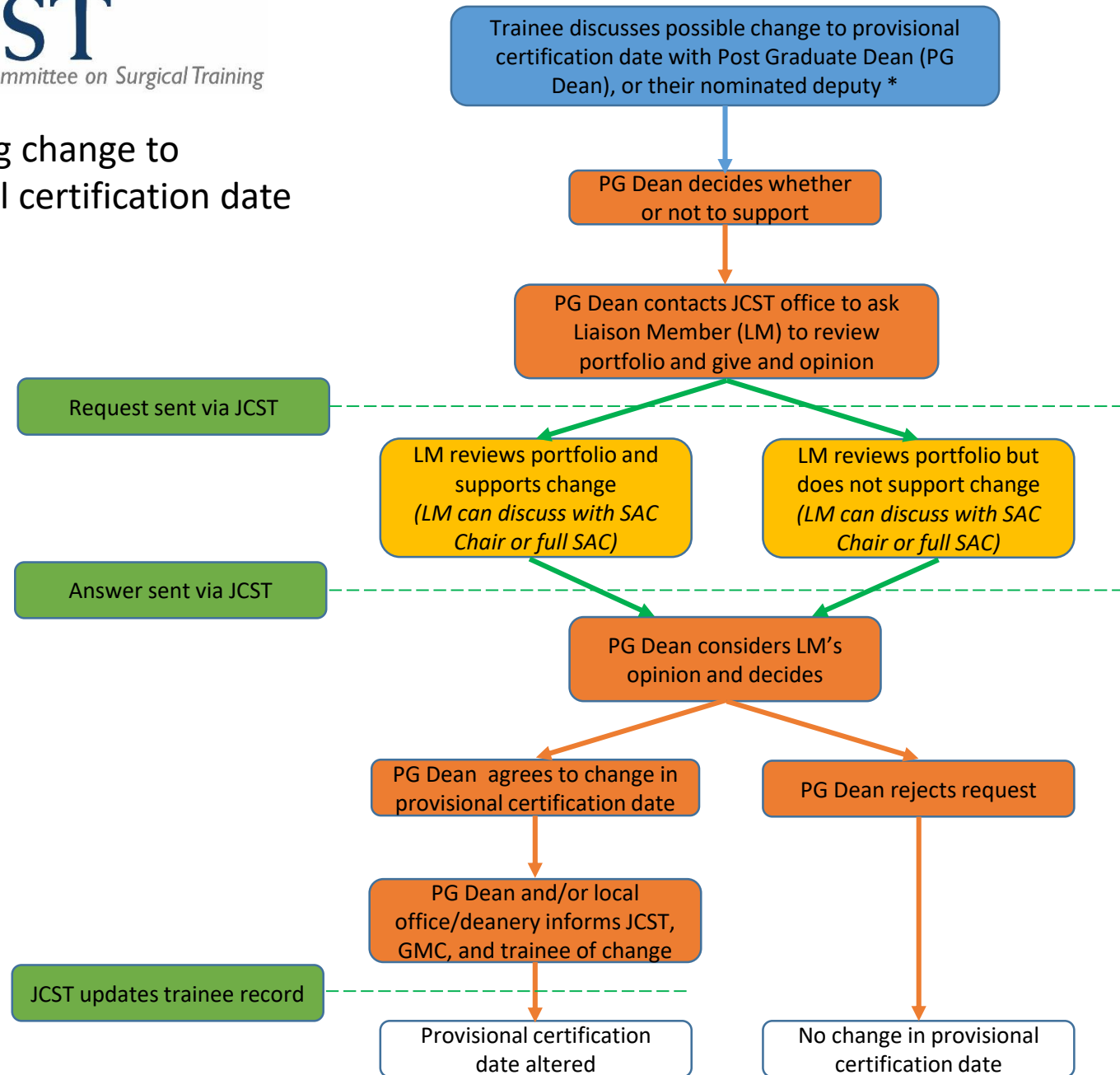


## Requesting change to provisional certification date



Makes request

Trainee responsibility

Makes decisions

PG Dean responsibility \*

Offers advice/expertise

SAC responsibility

Facilitates communication

JCST responsibility

\*The PG Dean's nominated deputy will most usually be the Training Programme Director (TPD), but could also be the relevant Head of School or Associate Post Graduate Dean

### What the provisional date ‘means’

Provisional certification dates normally predict the end of training date for trainees, however, they are also there to support Training Programme Directors (TPDs) in programme planning, aid in workforce planning, dictate when a trainee can be interviewed for a Consultant post and set a target date around which employment contracts can be written. They can be brought forward but can only be extended via the award of an ARCP outcome 3 or, in specific situations, by following guidance available in the [Gold Guide](#) – section 4.72(ix).

Provisional certification dates may be brought forward or extended, based on trainees’ progression and competencies. The expectation is that certification is not time-bound or governed by duration of training, but determined solely by competence – this will become intrinsic to the training journey as the new curricula are introduced.

### Implications of “early certification”

“Early certification” can be granted, but it may be withdrawn/reversed if circumstances change. A trainee who may have been on track to meet certification requirements earlier than expected at a particular given time, may then subsequently fail to meet the requirements by the earlier certification date (for any number of unspecified reasons). Under these circumstances the trainee may need an ARCP outcome 3 to allow them to meet the requirements within training, unless the Gold Guide section 4.72(ix) applies. The main message is that no trainee will be recommended for certification until they have met all of the specialty curriculum requirements.

### Notes

Post Graduate Deans/nominated deputies will consider all aspects of the request (including its timing) when determining whether or not to provide initial support.

Liaison Members will focus their consideration of the request on an assessment of the likelihood that the trainee will meet the requirements of the curriculum by the new proposed provisional certification date.

Post Graduate Deans/nominated deputies would not be expected to bring forward a provisional certification date without SAC support.

The process for SAC support for recommendation for certification is described [here](#).