

New EUCOMED/MedTech Europe rules regarding educational meeting attendance



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The new guidance, which is in transition from 1 January 2017 and must be in place for members of EUCOMED/MedTech Europe and ABHI by the end of 2017, could make it more difficult to attend educational meetings if you rely on industry support.

Companies may be able to indirectly sponsor individuals by providing educational grants through organisations like your trust, so you should consider setting up arrangements for management of such grants with your trust's finance department.

If you are invited to attend a specific training event for an IR technique or device the host company may still be able to invite you and pay for you to attend.

If a company asks you to present at a meeting you could be supported with an honorarium and payment to attend the meeting, subject to your individual trust's declaration of gifts and honorarium rules.

The new rules will come into force throughout 2017, therefore it is very important you are clear on these and begin to plan your meeting attendance as soon as possible.

For a full breakdown of the changes, please see below.

Steve Thomas,

Chair BSIR M&R committee, on behalf of the BSIR

How the changes might affect you

DURING 2016

Direct sponsorship

Companies choose individual HCPs and financially support their participation to third party organised events. Such support usually covers some or all of the travel, lodging and registration costs.



Educational grants

Companies give educational grants to hospitals, medical societies and other third parties. These include grants to support HCPs participation to third-party organised events.



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AS OF 1 JANUARY 2017

Direct sponsorship



Allowed

Educational grants

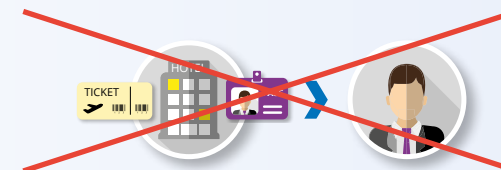


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