



## I'm interested in becoming a Stop Smoking Practitioner.

NICE, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities and the Department of Health and Social Care all recommend that anyone assisting people to stop smoking should be NCSCT certified.

1. Access the NCSCT Stop Smoking Practitioner Training and Assessment Programme through the [e-learning portal](#). Create an account by clicking Login and filling in the right-hand side of the form.
2. Complete the Practitioner Training course and Practitioner assessment. On completion of the assessment, you will receive a certificate stating that you are an NCSCT Certified Practitioner.

A screenshot of the NCSCT Online Training website. At the top, there is a blue header bar with buttons for 'Home', 'Online Training Home', 'Online Training Account', and 'Help'. To the right of these buttons is a 'Log in' button with a yellow arrow pointing to it. Below the header, the NCSCT logo is displayed. The main content area has a dark blue background. On the left, there is text about the Practitioner Training and Assessment Programme, the Department of Health &amp; Social Care, and the training's purpose. On the right, there are two main sections: 'Practitioner Training: Core competences in helping people stop smoking' and 'Practitioner Assessment'. Each section has a thumbnail image and a brief description. A yellow arrow points to the 'Practitioner Training' section, and another yellow arrow points to the 'Log in' button.

3. Afterwards, you will be able to access further speciality modules in pregnancy and mental health.

All of our online training is free of charge and you will continue to have access to all of our training resources for as long as you remain registered with the NCSCT.

**Note:** NCSCT Certification doesn't confer expert status. We would recommend observing an experienced practitioner, being observed by one and receiving ongoing support and supervision. We would also recommend that practitioners new to the field attend a virtual/face-to-face course in behavioural support. Information on NCSCT virtual training in delivering behavioural support for smoking cessation is available on request, although, as a small company, we do not offer 'open' courses for individuals at the current time.