



FRCS Ophthalmology – Parts 1, 2 and 3

Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to frequently-asked questions regarding this examination are given below. We hope this information will provide the details you require. The Regulations for the examination are available on our website at www.rcpsg.ac.uk .

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1. What is the format of the examination?

There are three parts to the FRCS examination – Parts 1, 2 and 3. Part 1 and Part 2 are written examinations and Part 3 consists of structured oral and clinical examinations. Please refer to the examination Regulations and Candidate Guidance documents on our website for full details.

2. How often will the examinations take place?

The Part 1 and 2 examinations are normally held twice each year and the Part 3 examination is normally held five times each year.

Please refer to the Dates and Fees documents on our website for further information. As future dates and centres are confirmed they will appear on our website.

3. Where will the examinations be held?

The examinations are held in the UK and at a number of international centres. You will find a full list of locations in the Dates and Fees document on our website.

4. What is the examination fee?

Please refer to the Dates and Fees document on our website for current examination fees.

5. What are the eligibility requirements for the examination?

The education and training requirements for entry are detailed in the eligibility section of the Regulations document on our website.

6. Are there any exemptions available?

Yes. A list of exempting qualifications can be found in the Regulations document on our website.

7. Can I apply to sit Part 1 and Part 2 at the same time?

No, you must pass Part 1 before applying for Part 2.

8. I am applying for Part 2, can I apply to sit Part 3 before I have my Part 2 results?

No. You must pass Part 2 before applying for Part 3.



9. I previously sat the Part A or B examinations, which part of the examination should I sit now?

You would be required to re-enter the examination at Part 1 unless you hold an acceptable exempting qualification.

10. Where will I find the syllabus?

This information is available in the Regulations on our website.

11. Any other questions?

We hope we have answered your questions in this and other documents on our website. However if you are still in doubt please contact us:

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