

## MRCP(UK) and Specialty Certificate Examinations Pass Rates by Gender and Ethnicity 2023

MRCP(UK) and Specialty Certificate Examination pass rates are updated on MRCP(UK) website ([www.mrcpuk.org](http://www.mrcpuk.org)) shortly after each exam has taken place. This report sets out data about the proportions of key groups of candidates (UK graduates, UK trainees etc) who are passing our exams. We aim to give candidates useful feedback and be open and transparent.

The MRCP(UK) has closely monitored ethnicity and gender rates for a number of years and contributed data to a systematic review and meta-analysis of ethnicity and academic performance in medical students sitting MRCP(UK). This was co-authored by Professor Chris McManus, an Educational Advisor to the MRCP(UK), and is available at <http://www.bmj.com/content/342/bmj.d901>. The paper concludes that non-UK trained doctors and medical students from minority ethnic groups tend to underperform academically compared with their UK trained and white counterparts, but it is not clear why this is. The paper demonstrates that the differences in performance are consistent across medical schools, exam types, and undergraduate and postgraduate assessments, and has persisted for at least the past three decades.

The MRCP(UK) has previously published its own paper analysing examination pass rates by the ethnicity and gender of UK graduates in 2003-2004, (which is available at <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1741-7015/5/8>.)

In this 2023 report the non-white ethnic category is coded as BAME, and although not a perfect categorisation, this is a widely used abbreviation for Black, Asian and other minor ethnic groups. U represents the unknown or undeclared category.

The graphs on the following pages show the percentage of passing candidates by gender and ethnicity for UK and International graduates and also for those training in the UK and elsewhere for all three parts of the MRCP(UK) and the Specialty Certificate Examinations (SCE) during 2023. All UK and international centres were considered.

The graphs for the SCE examinations are shown separately for European candidates sitting in European centres other than UK and non-European candidates. European candidates are candidates who took the European Specialty Certification exams: candidates sitting in European centres other than the UK for the joint European Speciality Examination in Gastroenterology and Hepatology and candidates sitting the European Certificate in Nephrology.

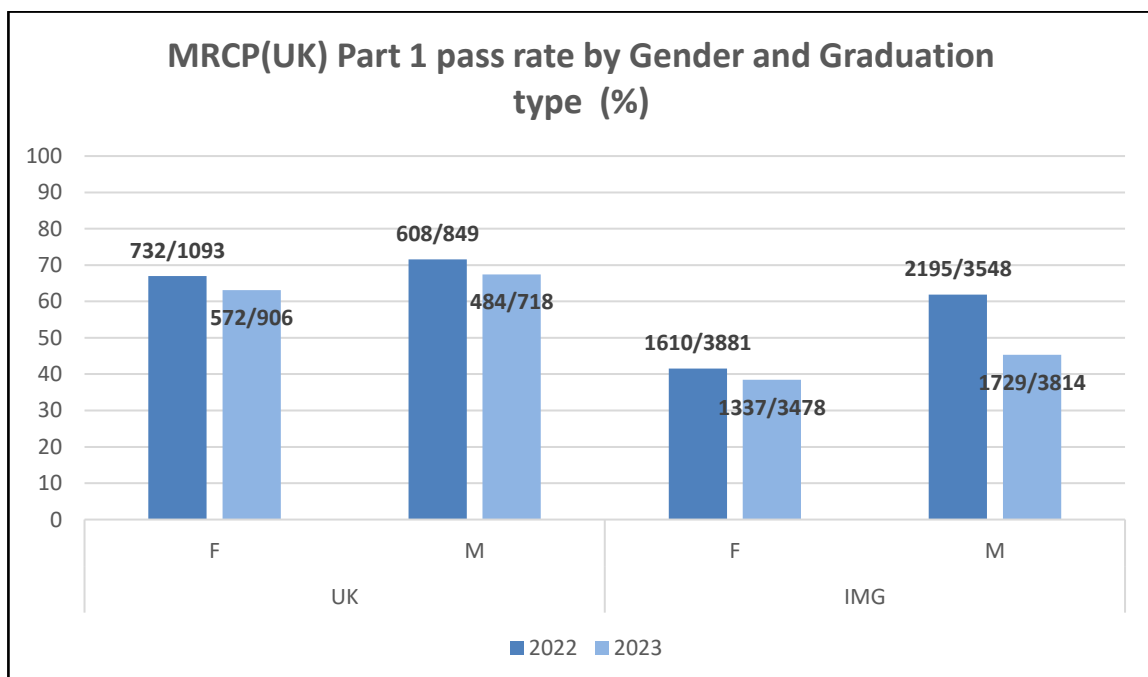
*Please note: The training details, gender and ethnicity data provided and displayed in these graphs are self-declared by candidates.*

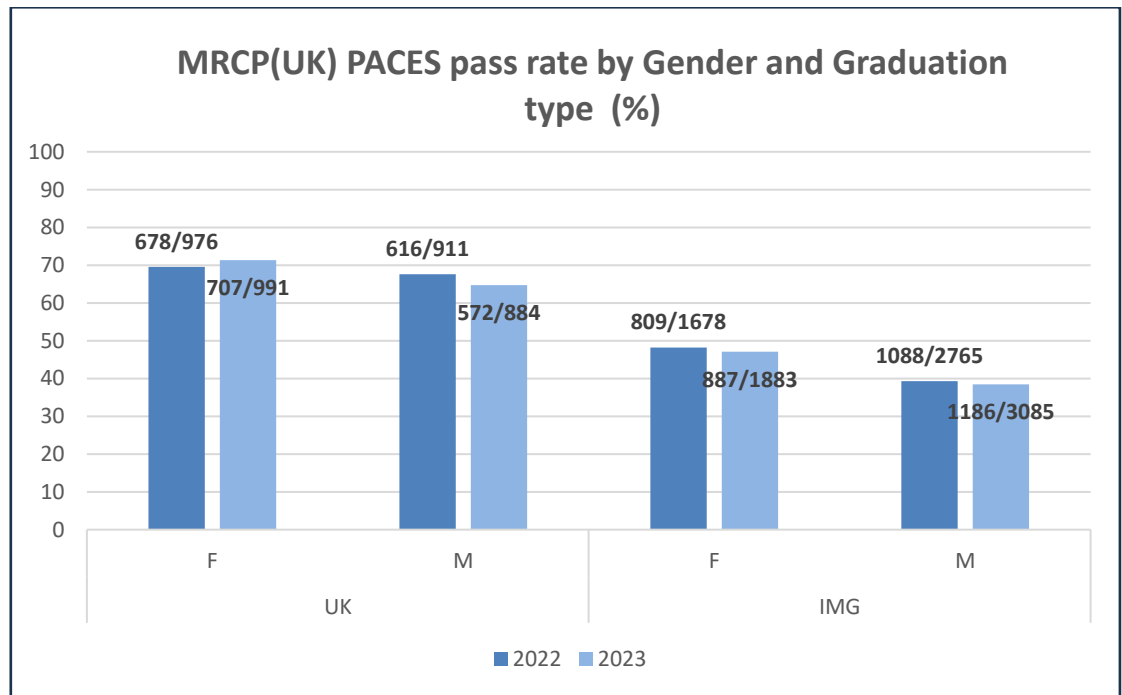
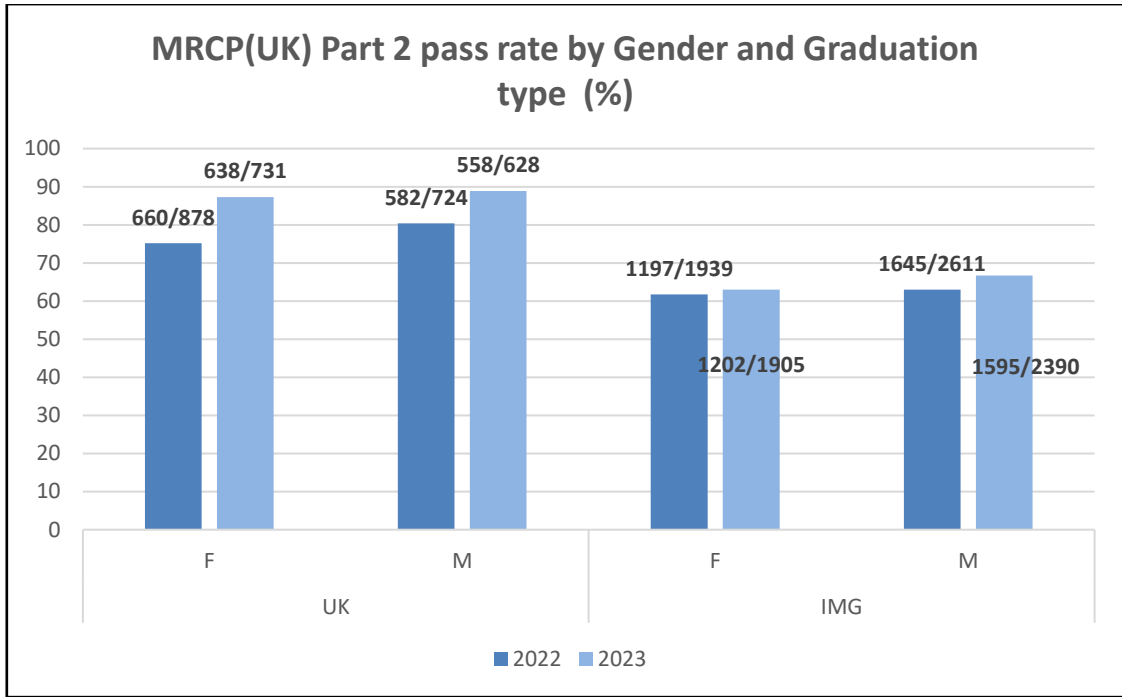
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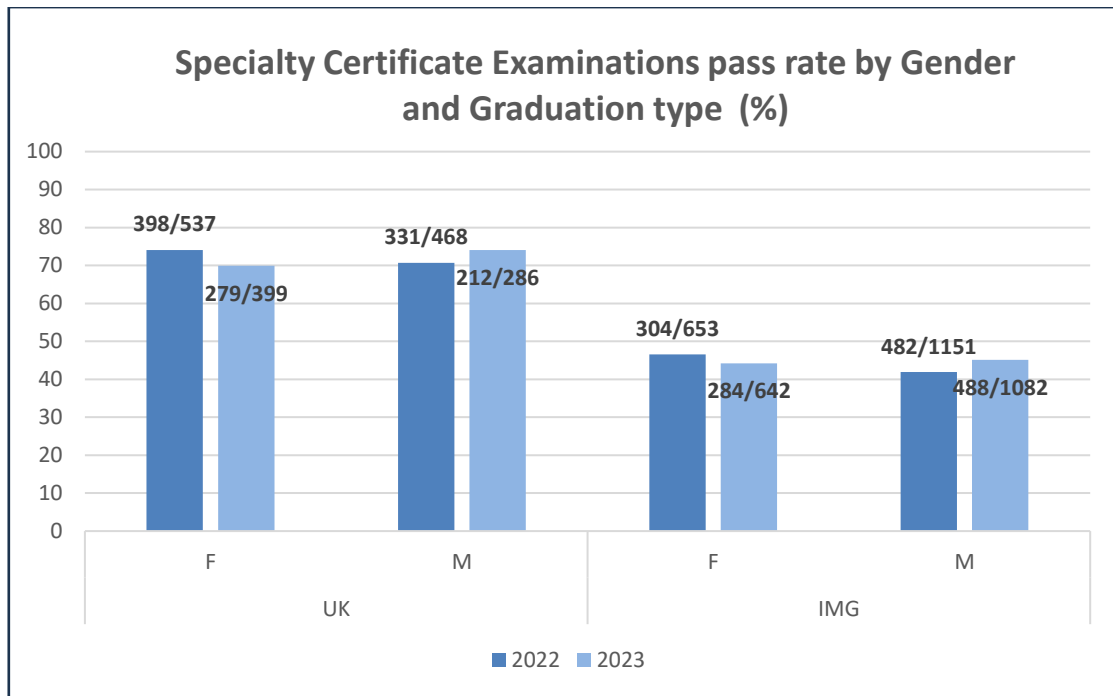
## Report findings

- Pass rates by gender are lower in 2023 for Part 1, for both UK and international graduates (IMG) and higher for Part 2. In PACES, female UK graduates have a higher pass rate in 2023 but the rest of the groups have a lower pass rate in 2023. For SCEs, male candidates have a higher pass rate in 2023. Across all groups UK graduates are performing better in both 2022 and 2023.
- Pass rates by ethnicity are lower in 2023 for Part 1, for both UK and international graduates (IMG) and higher for Part 2. White candidates UK graduates have the highest pass rate.
- Non-UK trainees have a slightly higher pass rate than UK trainees in 2023 for Part 1. For all other exams (Part 2, PACES and SCEs) UK trainees have a higher pass rate than non-UK trainees.
- White UK trainees have a high pass rate in PACES and SCEs with U (unknown) category performing better in Part 2 and White non-UK trainees performing better in Part 1.
- Female and male European candidates performed very similar in both 2022 and 2023 with white candidates performing better overall.

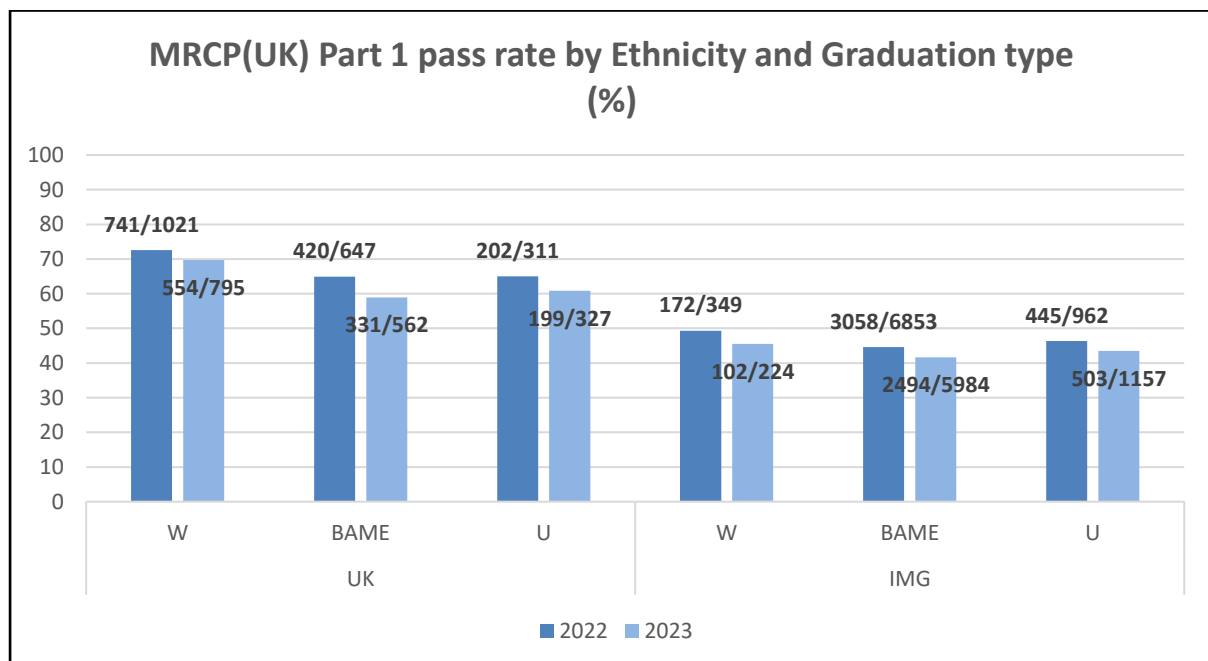
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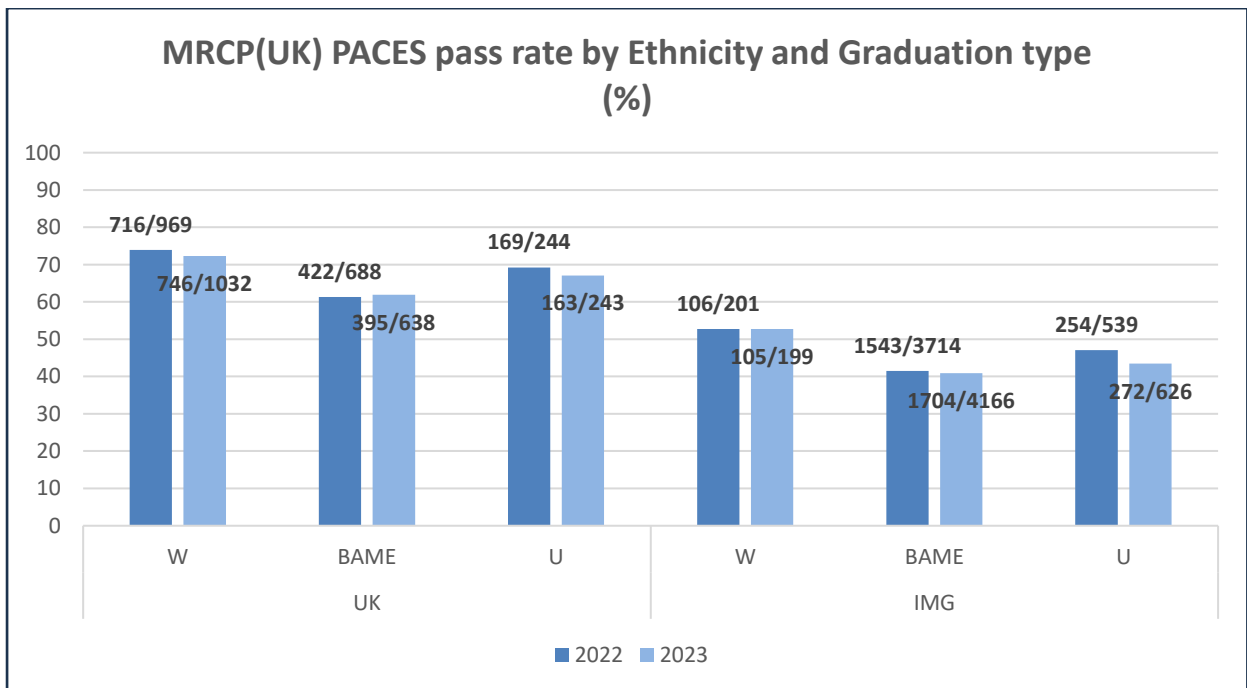
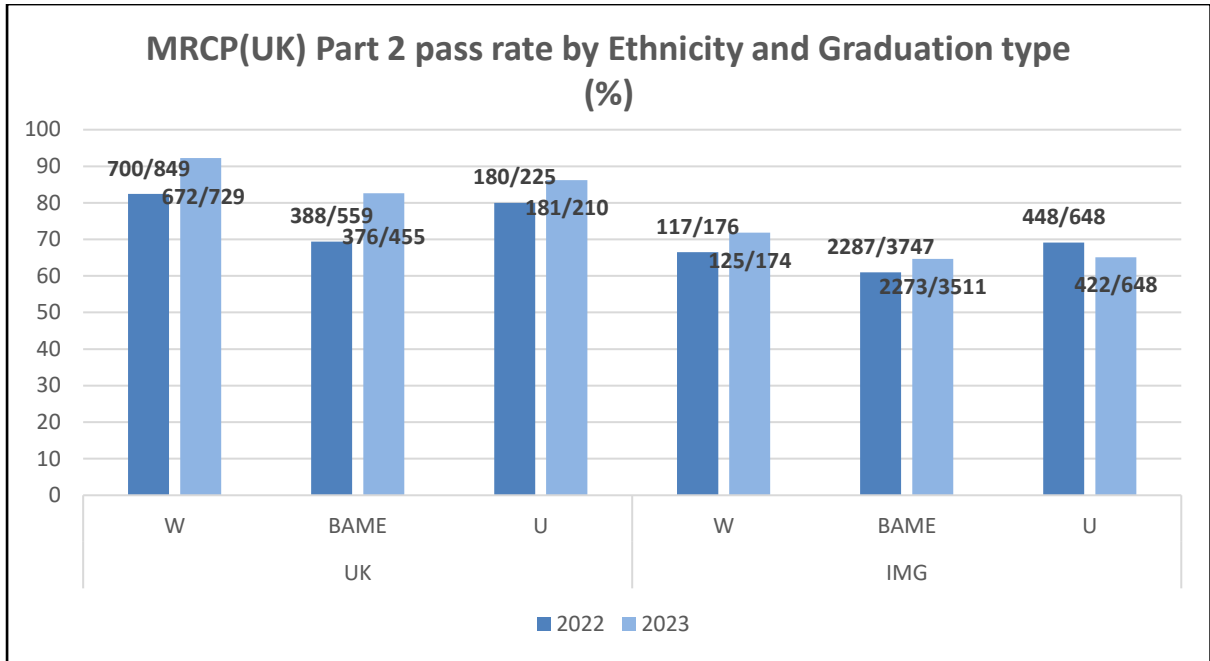


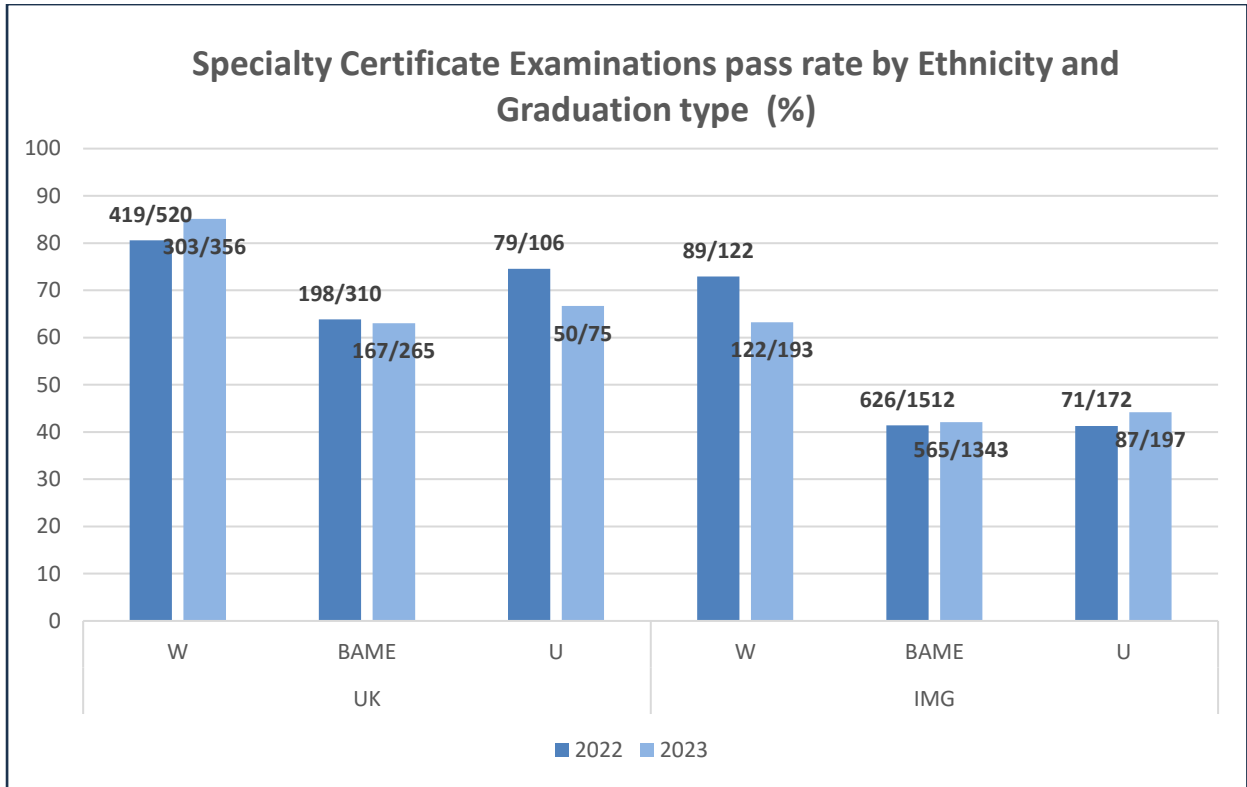




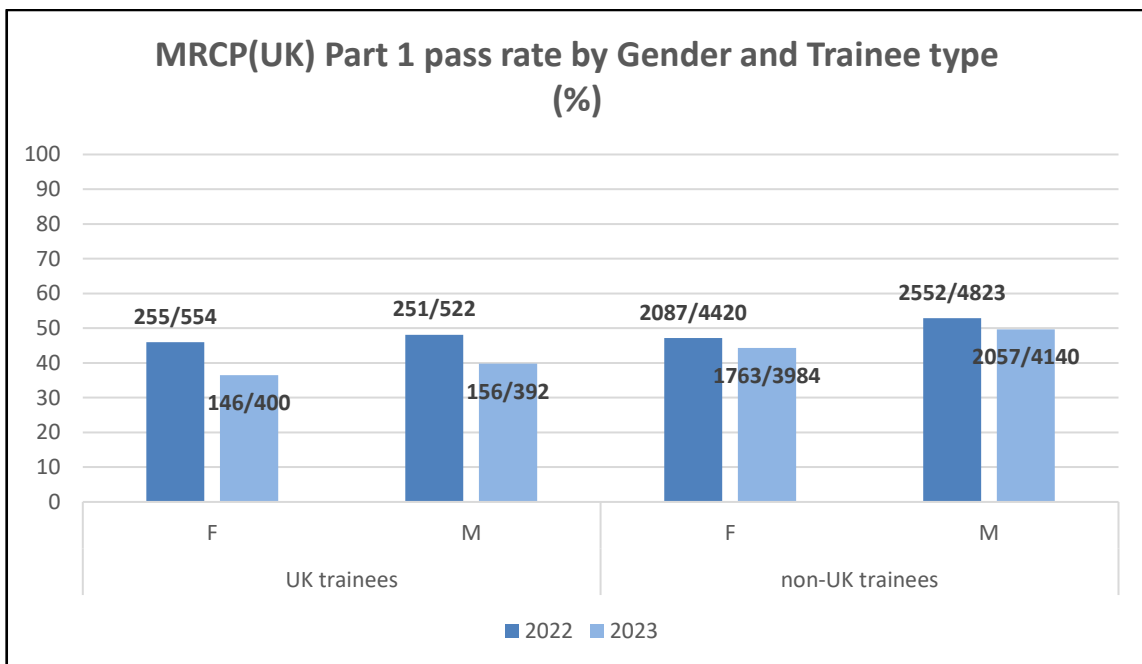
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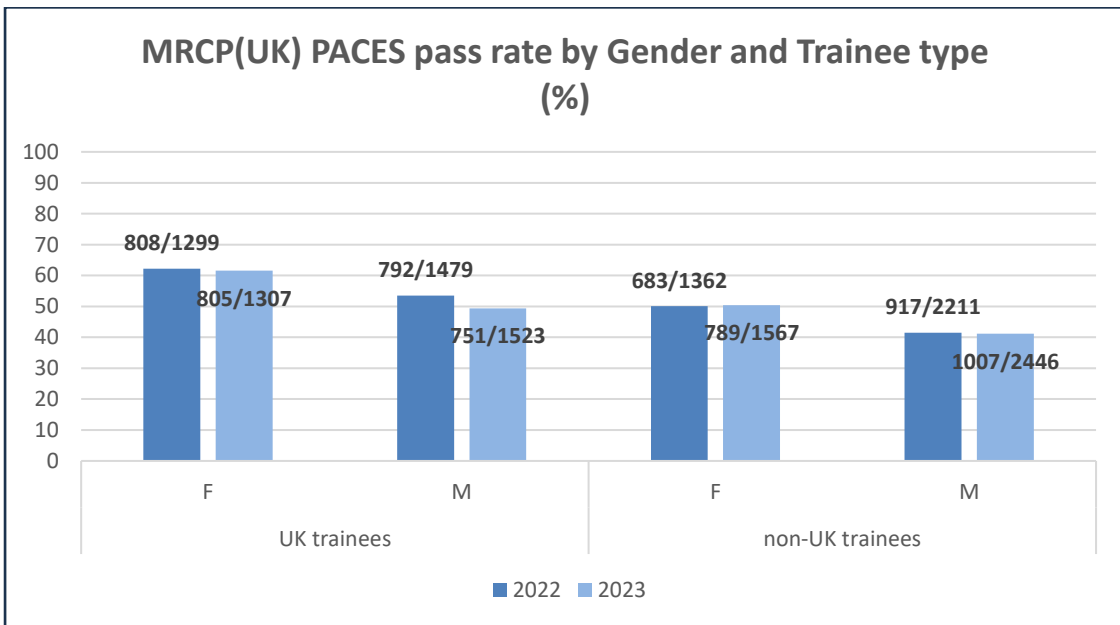
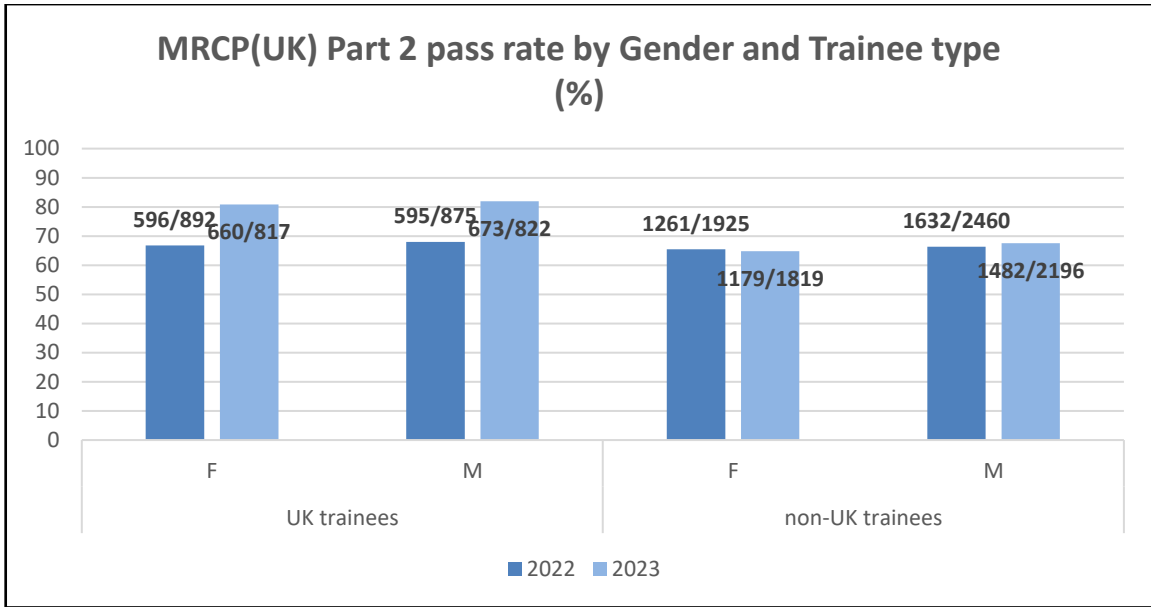


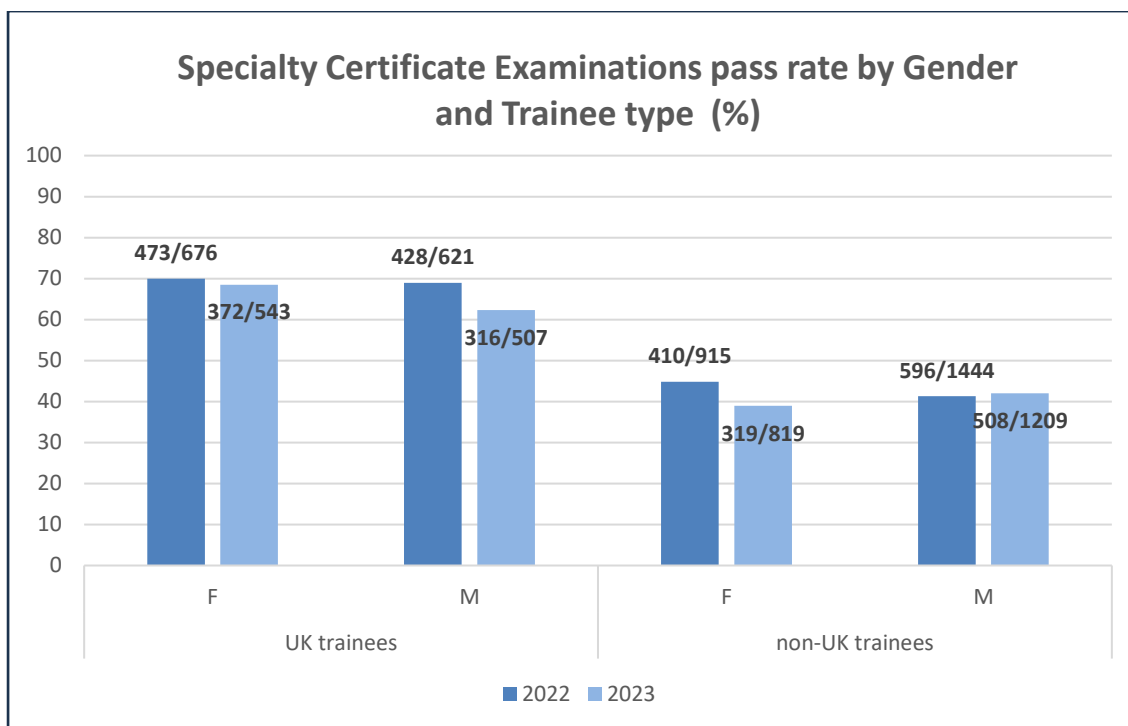




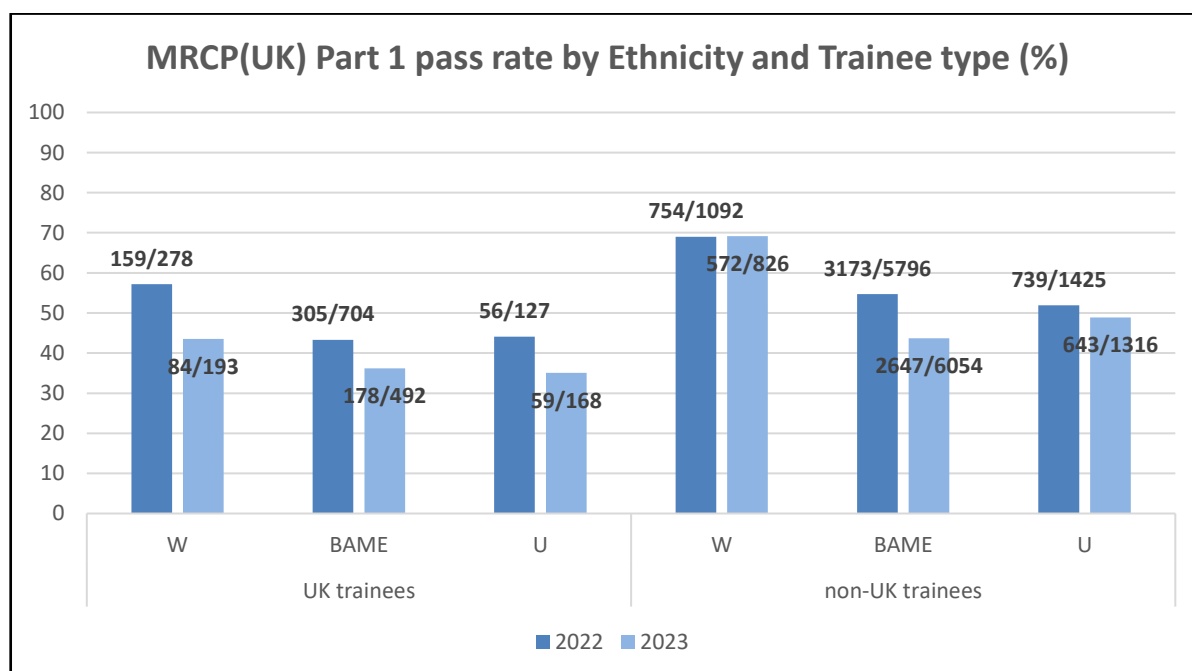
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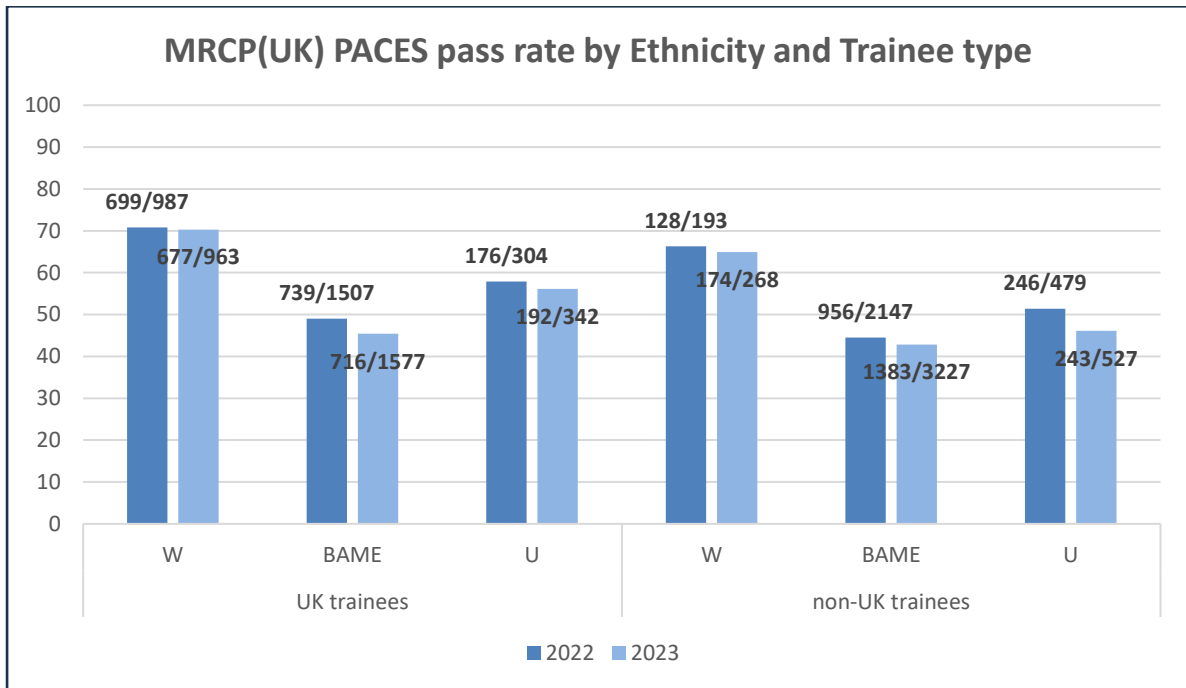
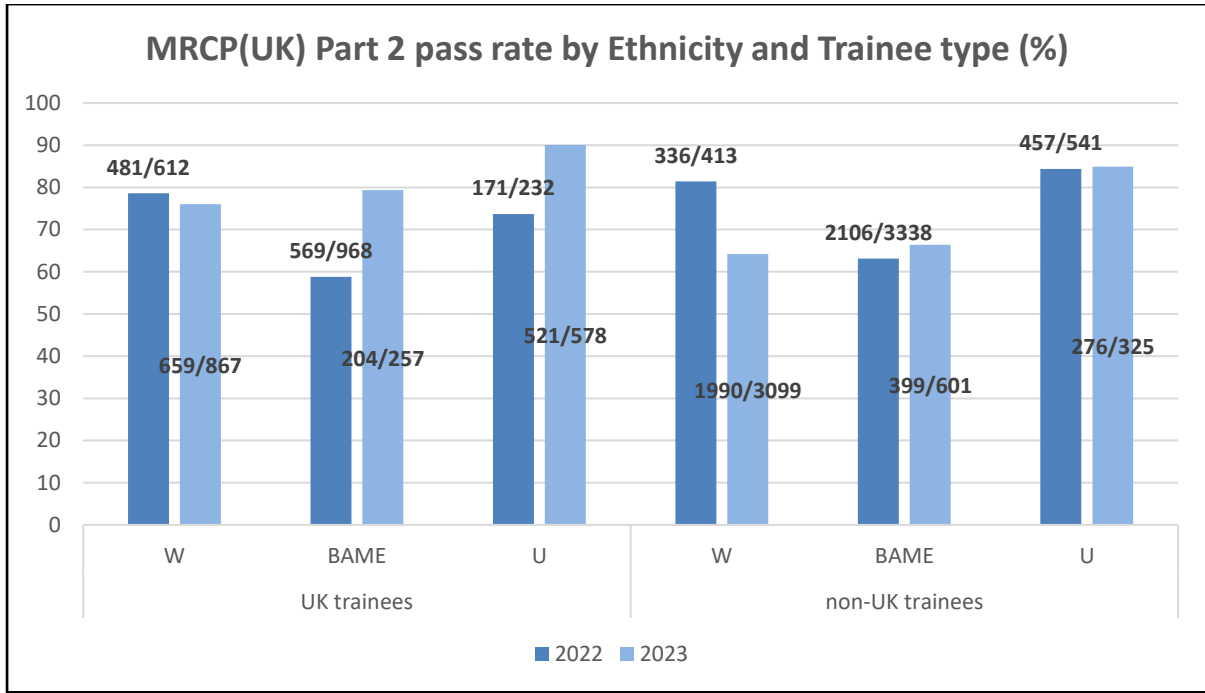


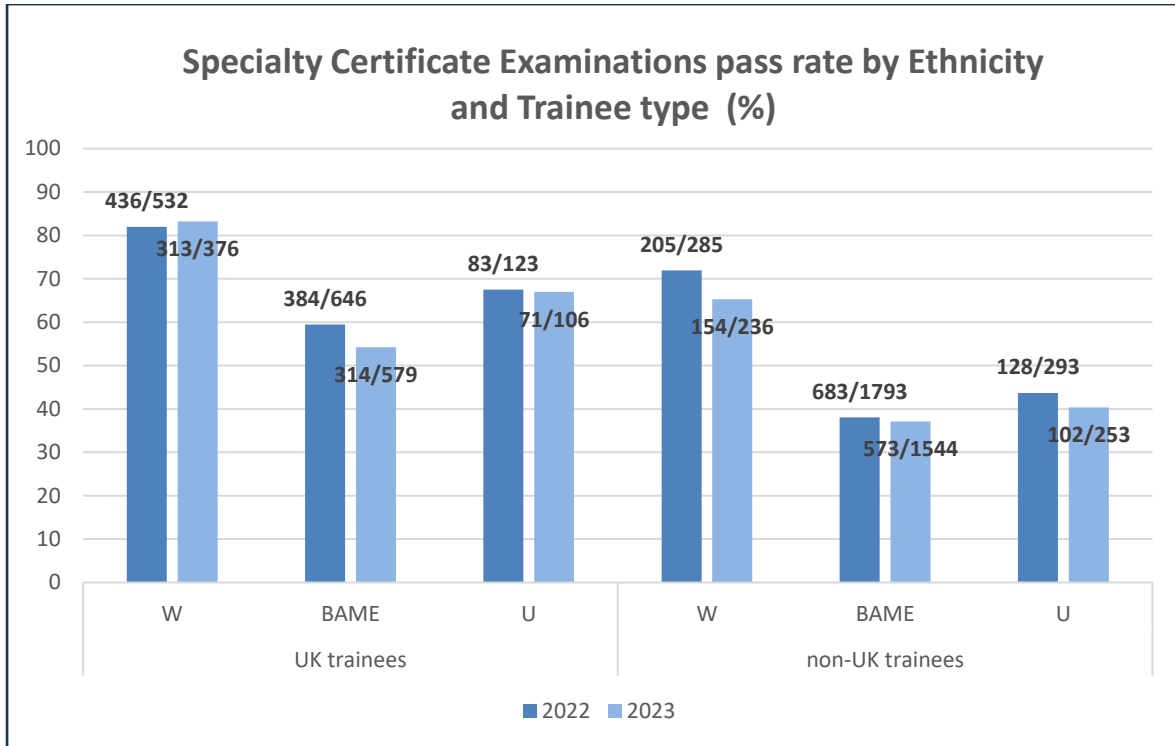


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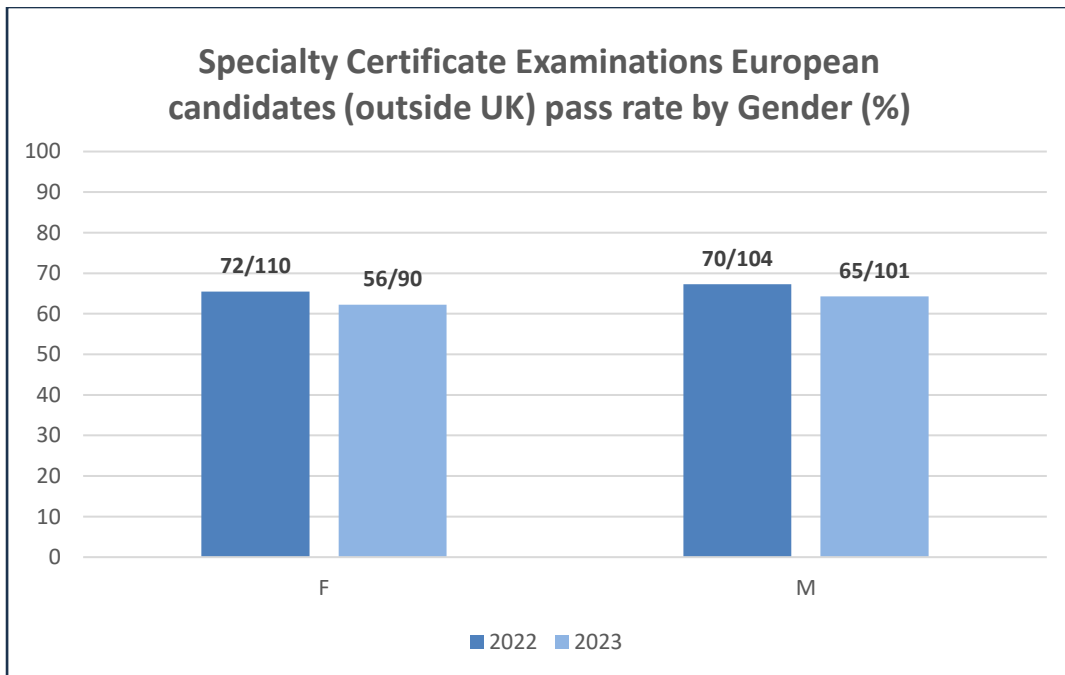


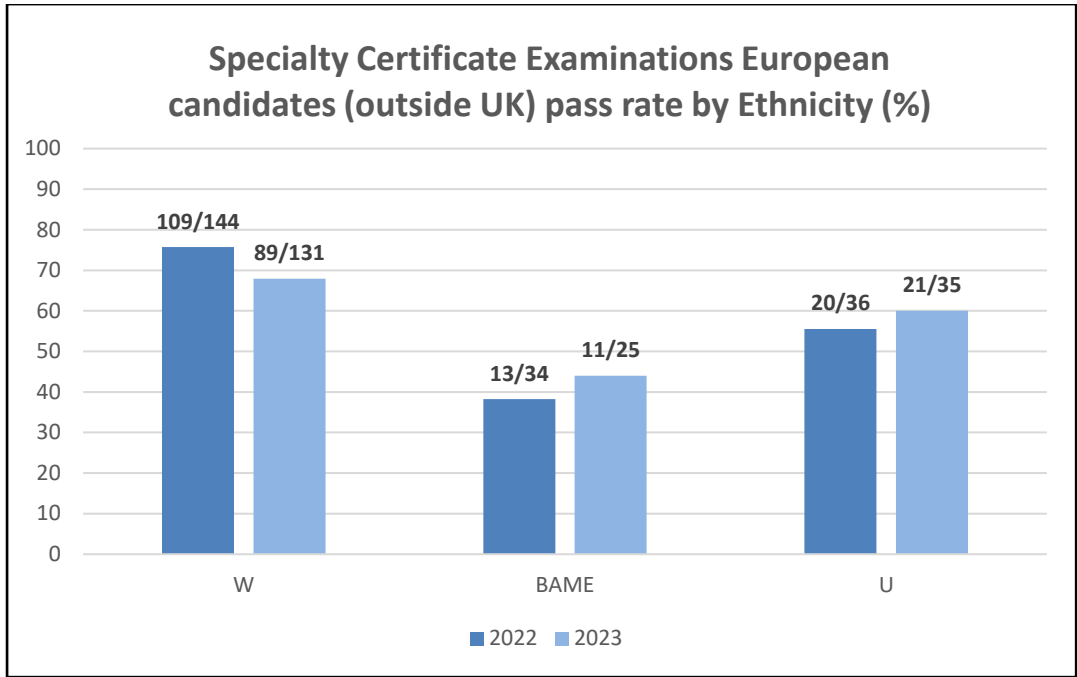




**MRCP(UK) Specialty Certificate Examinations pass rates for European candidates**

The information displayed in the graphs below is related to candidates sitting the European Specialty Certification in Nephrology and the joint Specialty Certification in Gastroenterology and Hepatology in European centres outside the UK.





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