

The Responsibilities and Duties of the Chair of a Specialty Certificate Examining Board

Responsibilities

The Chair of the Specialty Certificate Examining Board is responsible to the Medical Director of the MRCP(UK) and will:

Have overall responsibility for the Specialty Certificate Examining Board to ensure that all the academic objectives are met.

Have responsibility for ensuring that the Specialty Certificate Examination meets the standards set by the regulatory body the General Medical Council.

Be responsible, with the support of the Medical Director, for the selection, appointment and training of board members and the monitoring of their performance.

Be a member of the Specialty Certificate Examination's Standard Setting Groups.

Have responsibility for the on-going development of the Specialty Certificate Examination in the context of the decisions taken by the Specialty Certificate Examinations Steering Group and as directed by MRCP(UK) Management Board.

Be a member of the Specialist Certificate Examinations Steering Group, and advise on issues that effect academic, operational, and policy matters of the Examination.

Be a member of other Boards or Committees as requested by the Medical Director.

Review the functions of the Specialty Certificate Examining Board and advise the Specialty Certificates Steering Group and the MRCP(UK) Management Board on the strategy that should be adopted to ensure the Examination can be delivered both within and outside the UK.

Support MRCP(UK) Central Office in their work in developing and delivering the Examination.

Requirements

It is a requirement for all those working with MRCP(UK) examinations that:

They confirm that they hold MRCP(UK) or an equivalent postgraduate diploma, that they are a member or fellow of one of the three Colleges, and that they are registered and in good standing with the GMC.

That they confirm as requested that they are up to date with their employer's equality and diversity training, and are up to date with their employer's appraisal process.

All those working with the MRCP(UK) exams are expected to have been actively engaged in the training of junior doctors within the last two years, and to be up to date as appropriate with National Guidelines, and CPD requirements.

Time Commitment

The Specialty Certificate Board will normally hold one examining board meeting per year and run one diet.

This is a non-salaried position though all reasonable expenses and travel costs will be met by the MRCP(UK) Central Office in line with the Federation expenses policy.

The tenure of board appointments is five years. Subject to the agreement of the Associate Medical Director for Written Examinations, individual tenure may be extended by up to a maximum of five years to ensure orderly succession planning.

Performance Review

The Medical Director or his/her appointee is responsible for giving feedback to Board Chairs on their performance as appropriate.

Confidentiality

The work of exams is highly sensitive and it is the responsibility of those working on the development of the exams to ensure that the confidentiality of candidate information, examination results and examination material is respected at all times.

Conflict of Interest

Should a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interests arise it is the responsibility of the individual to inform the Medical Director.

Copyright

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MRCP(UK) Board officers may not take part in commercially run courses.

Nor may they write or contribute to non-College books or other materials such as CD-Roms or to re-edit or revise existing texts or other publications whose specific purpose is to help candidates prepare for any or all parts of the MRCP(UK) Examination.

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I undertake not to publish, independently of the Federation, any material which I have prepared for the MRCP (UK) Examination, or which I have reviewed through my work for the MRCP (UK) Examination.

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