

Application for appointment as an international examiner for the MRCP(UK) Part 2 Clinical Examination (PACES)

Dear Colleague,

Nomination and appointment of examiners at centres outside the UK

On behalf of the Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK may I thank you for your interest in applying for examiner status. You should complete the application form in this document and submit it to MRCP(UK) Central Office for consideration.

You are required to be a Fellow “in good standing”, ensuring that your fellowship subscriptions are up to date. As you will see the application form is comprehensive and requires the names, supporting statements and signatures of two referees, both of whom should be Fellows of one of the UK Royal Colleges of Physicians and at least one should be a current MRCP(UK) Examiner. You should also have the support of the PACES Federation Lead Examiner at your centre. In addition, I would be grateful if you could read the detail of the declarations that require your signature before the application could be considered.

Appointments will not be made purely on the grounds of eligibility, but will take account of specific requirements at the local PACES centre. These requirements will include consideration of the balance of College representation, the balance of medical specialties represented by the examiners, the need to ensure sufficient host examiners in hospitals where the exam is held, and the overall size of the local examiner panel in relation to the number of candidates being examined each year.

If the application is successful, arrangements will be made for the nominee to train at a forthcoming diet. This will involve the trainee shadow-marking five candidates at each of three cycles. The trainee will complete a marksheet for each candidate seen which will be collected by the Chair of Examiners and compared in the MRCP(UK) Central Office with the marks awarded by the two Examiners at the same Station.

If approved, the nominee will act as an Examiner at the next diet and his/her name will be added to the pool of Examiners at the local centre.

Thank you, once again, for your interest.



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MRCP(UK) PACES Examiner Selection Criteria

Hold MRCP(UK).
Be a Fellow or Collegiate Member of one of the UK Colleges of Physicians. Collegiate Members must have achieved the Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) at least two years prior to applying, and be in a substantive consultant post. Physicians who are resident outside the UK and who wish to examine in the UK must hold Fellowship of one of the UK Colleges of Physicians.
Have ongoing involvement in clinical medicine in an inpatient or outpatient setting either currently or within the last 2 years.
Have routine clinical responsibility for the assessment, investigation, and management of a broad range of clinical conditions assessed in PACES*. Clinicians working in a number of specialties outside General Medicine / Acute Medicine should be able to meet these criteria.
Provide clinical supervision to core medical trainees (or equivalent) in the care of patients with a range of conditions assessed in PACES.
Have undergone Equality and Diversity training in the past 3 years.
Be prepared to examine at least 6 cycles (30 candidates) per annum.
Be on the Medical Register (or international equivalent).
(UK only) Participate in revalidation, including annual appraisal in current post, and adherence to CPD requirements.

* These conditions are set out in the Core Medical Training curriculum (available [here](#)) and cover disorders of the cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, endocrine, and nervous systems, together with rheumatology, renal medicine, dermatology, clinical haematology, conditions associated with aging, and other conditions set out in the Core Medical Training curriculum. The clinical settings include emergency medicine, hospital inpatients, and outpatients.

Clinical communication topics are broad and include discussion about possible transfer of patients with acute illness to intensive care units, end of life care, palliative care, and breaking of bad news, amongst others.

Section 4 – Examining and teaching experience

Why would you like to be an MRCP(UK) examiner?

Describe other examining experience that you have, e.g. undergraduate or other college examinations

Describe your teaching experience and current commitment to training

Section 7 – Declarations (Please tick the appropriate box)	Yes	No						
(UK based examiners) I confirm that I am working towards revalidation (including being up to date with appraisal and CPD, and that my CPD includes a component of General Internal Medicine relating to the conditions assessed in PACES. Please enter date of next revalidation: _____)								
(non UK based examiners) I confirm that I am on the medical register of the country in which I practice.								
I confirm that I will commit to examining a minimum of 6 cycles (30 candidates) per annum in PACES to maintain my skills as an examiner.								
Membership/Fellowship								
I understand that, if for any reason my Membership/Fellowship of my College of entry is withdrawn, or if I fail to meet the terms and conditions of maintaining standing as a Member/Fellow, my appointment as an MRCP(UK) Examiner will be rescinded automatically.								
Avoidance of discriminatory behaviour								
All examiners are reminded that avoidance of discriminatory behaviour will include attitudes, activities, assumptions, and beliefs, whether conscious or unconscious.								
MRCP(UK) Examination procedures, Examination papers, Examination results and individual Examiner performance will be analysed routinely by the MRCP(UK) Management Board, the MRCP(UK) Examining Boards and the MRCP(UK) Standard Setting Advisory Groups to confirm that fair treatment is being provided to all candidates.								
Confidentiality								
All examiners are reminded that it is of the utmost importance that the security of the Clinical Examination is not breached. The identity of the patients and scenarios to be used in the Examination should be known only to a limited number of individuals, all of whom will have signed a confidentiality clause before being involved in the Examination. In addition, confidentiality of the provisional results of the MRCP(UK) Clinical Examination is of paramount importance.								
As a Clinical Examiner I will maintain strict confidentiality and will not divulge to any third party who does not have a right to such information the identity of patients and scenarios to be used in the Examination and will not communicate any provisional results, Station scores or any other aspect of candidate performance.								
Participation in commercial activities								
It is not acceptable for MRCP(UK) Examiners to take part in commercially run courses. If a non-Examiner takes part in such courses and is invited subsequently to become an Examiner, it is on the understanding that such activity will cease. It is not acceptable for Examiners to 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.								
Assignment of copyright								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I assign to the Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK the copyright of the material which I have prepared or will in future prepare, for any part of the MRCP(UK) Examination. This includes questions for the MRCP(UK) Part 1 and Part 2 Written Papers and scenarios for the MRCP(UK) Part 2 Clinical Examination (PACES). I accept that the Federation may not only use this material in the MRCP(UK) Examination, but also may publish it, as it sees fit, without any payment to me. To the best of my knowledge, the material I have prepared for use in the MRCP(UK) Examination has not been published previously, and is not the intellectual property of anyone else. The same conditions will apply to any material I submit in the future. I will not 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. I have read and accept the assignment of copyright and the details with regard to commercial activities, avoidance of discriminatory behaviour, and confidentiality. 								
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