



Announcement

Online Delivery of FRCS Ophthalmology Part 1 and Part 2, October 2020

As notified previously, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation the College has been developing plans to allow us to provide certainty to our candidates on the delivery of the October 2020 exam diet. This is a rapidly-changing environment globally where the situation is at different stages in each country and local lockdown rules are changing from week to week.

The Surgical Examinations Board has therefore taken the decision to hold the forthcoming October 2020 examination diet of the FRCS Part 1 and Part 2 via an online delivery method. This includes all parts of the examination.

What this means:

- The examination will go ahead on the 6th October
- The examination questions, format and standards will not change
- You will not be required to attend the advertised examination centre
- The exam will be invigilated (supervised) remotely via webcam
- A full exam programme will be published for guidance, however general timings are provided below for information

All Centres (except West Indies)	
Part 1 and Part 2 MCQ	9am-11am BST (UK time)
Part 2 Problem Solving	12noon-2.15pm BST (UK time)
West Indies Centres	
Part 1 and Part 2 MCQ	9am-11am EST (Local time)
Part 2 Problem Solving	12noon-2.15pm EST (Local time)

What you will require:

- Access to a laptop or PC with a webcam
- Internet access

What you need to do now:

- Identify a suitable place that you can sit the exam – this could be at home, at your place of work or at a teaching facility, but:
 - You must be alone – you cannot sit the exam in the same room as friends or colleagues
 - You should be somewhere you will not be disturbed
 - You should be somewhere that will be quiet enough to allow you to concentrate during the exam

There will also be an opportunity for candidates to trial the exam platform in advance of the exam to ensure that they are comfortable with the system and that all equipment and systems are working well.

Confirmation of the arrangements and further details of the online platform will be sent to candidates no later than one month prior to their examination.