



The College has been working hard to develop the delivery of the FRCS Ophthalmology Part 3 examination in a way which will not be limited by restrictions imposed by the COVID 19 pandemic. The College appreciates the patience candidates have shown while we undertook this significant development. We are now pleased to confirm that until further notice this examination will be delivered remotely as an online assessment. The fee for the online assessment will be £1,435.

Format of examination

The examination syllabus and standards will not change.

The structure and format of the **structured oral examination** will remain the same, but will be delivered online.

The structure and format of the **clinical examination** has been altered to enable online delivery. The examination will consist of two parts:

- **Four clinical stations (Based on standard exam format);**
 - Anterior Segment Disorders
 - Posterior Segment Disorders
 - Neuro-ophthalmic and Ocular Motility Disorders
 - Oculoplastic and Lid Disorders
- Used to assess a Candidate's ability to appreciate and attach due significance to clinical signs and the appropriate management for each case.
- No live patients – in each station Candidates will be shown two short videos of patient's clinical assessments and questions will be asked by the Examiners on each case
- **Two Candidate Submitted videos;**
 - One recording of the Candidate demonstrating a visual fields assessment of a patient/subject
 - One recording of the Candidate demonstrating a neurology assessment of a patient/subject
- The aim of this is to assess a Candidate's clinical skills as well as the interactive skills with the patients and their physical examination technique
- Must be presented in English
- Must be submitted in advance – further guidance on format and content will be provided

Further details and candidate guidance documents will be published shortly on the College website. This will include full details of the online format, equipment requirements and guidance on the candidate submitted videos section. **No further information will be provided until it is published on our website.**



Delivery Method

The online exam (structured orals and four clinical stations) will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. In order to sit the examination remotely, candidates will need a computer or laptop with a camera and microphone, along with a stable internet connection.

Examination Diets and Candidate Eligibility for Places

The first diet is due to be held in June and is only open to candidates whose examination place was cancelled for Malta in March 2020. Priority for subsequent diets will be given to those who had a confirmed place on the cancelled diets from Amman in March 2020 and Glasgow in June 2020. We will contact these candidates directly to offer places and with further information as soon as we have finalised all details.

We aim to offer more dates later in the year and only once these candidates have been accommodated we will be in a position to open the application process to other candidates. Details of the application process will be confirmed only once we can confirm dates are available.

We are sorry that we are unable to offer all candidates a place in the upcoming diets; however, we have limited capacity as we can only accommodate 24 candidates at each online diet. Priority must be given to those who were previously allocated a place on one of the cancelled diets. We will endeavour to accommodate as many candidates as possible throughout the year.

Further information

Please do not contact the College to seek further information as we are unable to provide any additional details at this time. We will ensure that all updates are made freely available on our website to everyone at the earliest opportunity.