

FRCS Ophthalmology – Parts 3

Dates, fees and locations for 2023

Dates:

Locations	Examination Dates	Applications Open	Capacity	Waiting List	Fee
Bangalore	4-7 February 2023	25-28 November 2022	40	20	£1,595
Cairo	1-4 March 2023	25-28 November 2022	40	20	£1,595
Amman	17-20 May 2023	11-13 January 2023	40	20	£1,595
Cairo	19-22 June 2023	11-13 January 2023	40	20	£1,595
Delhi	18-21 September 2023	5-7 June 2023	40	20	£1645
Mumbai	20-23 November 2023	5-7 June 2023	40	40	£1645
Amman	21- 24 November 2023	5-7 June 2023	40	20	£1645
Cairo	4-7 December 2023	5-7 June 2023	40	20	£1645

Locations:

The **Part 3** examinations are currently held at a number of international centres. We constantly review the location of examination venues to ensure, where possible, they align the demographics of our candidate base and meet the demand at our most popular centres. In 2023 we plan to hold diets in Amman, Bangalore, Cairo, New Delhi and Mumbai only.

Applying for exam places:

Candidates can express their interest by completing an online survey which will be published on the FRCS Part 3 web page between the opening and closing dates. The online registration period will open at 09:30am BST (UTC +01:00) on Monday 5 June and will close at 1700hrs BST (UTC+01:00) on Wednesday 7 June. Expressions of interest received by email will not be considered. The College reserves the right to close the applications window early if an exam is over subscribed.

Candidates can indicate their preferred centre(s) on the online application survey and whether they would be prepared to be placed on a standby list.

We strongly recommend that candidates check the visa application process with their local embassy, including the likelihood of a visa being obtained, prior to applying for an examination. Obtaining the relevant visa to attend the examination is the responsibility of each candidate. Refunds cannot be given to candidates who are unable to secure a visa in time for their exam.

Allocation of Places:

The maximum capacity will be 40 candidates per diet. Exam places will be allocated on a random basis from all eligible applications with the weighting of 50% of places being offered to new candidates, and 50% to re-sit candidates.

A waiting list of a maximum of 20 candidates will be held for each examination diet. There is no guarantee that applicants on the waiting list will receive a place on the diet. The waiting list will close 4 weeks prior to the diet.

A standby list will operate from 4 weeks before the exam. Candidates on the waiting list will be offered a place on the standby list if they can meet the following conditions:

- they are prepared to sit the exam at short notice,
- they are able to attend on the relevant exam days and;
- they can make the appropriate travel and visa arrangements with less than one month's notice.

Exam Fee:

Successful candidates will have 7 days from confirmation of an examination place to complete their application. Candidates will have 2 weeks from date of confirmation of an examination place to pay their examination.

If an application is incomplete and/or payment is not received within this timeframe, the candidate will lose their examination place and their application will be withdrawn. They will then have to reapply for a future diet following the general rules.

Candidates who are allocated a place and subsequently decide they do not wish to sit at this diet will have their applications withdrawn in line with the Regulations. **Transfers to other diets are not permitted, even on medical grounds.**

Candidates on the waiting / standby list who are offered a place will be given 48-hours to complete their application and submit full payment.