



FRCS Ophthalmology Exempting Qualifications

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The following qualifications may be used for exemption from parts of the FRCS Ophthalmology examination as detailed below.

As part of their exam application, candidates must be able to provide documentation to prove completion of the relevant examination (e.g. an attested copy of a certificate, diploma or relevant result letter).

Candidates must have achieved a pass in the relevant qualification(s) and be able to provide the necessary documentation by the closing date for applications of the exam diet they wish to apply for.

No other qualifications will be accepted for the purposes of exemption.

Part 1

Exemption from the Part 1 examination may be granted for the following qualifications:

Awarding Body	Qualification(s) required for exemption
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan	Fellowship in Ophthalmology
Colleges of Medicine of South Africa	FC Ophth (SA) or Diploma in Ophthalmology
International Council of Ophthalmologists*	Basic Sciences or Visual Sciences and Optics and Refractions or Optics, Refractions and Use of Instruments
National University of Singapore	M.Med (Ophthalmology)
Ophthalmology Foundation	Visual Sciences and Optics, Refraction and Instruments
Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh	FRCSEd Ophthalmology Part A or MRCSEd Ophthalmology Part 1 or FRCSEd Ophthalmology Part 1
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	FRCSI (Ophthalmology) Part 1 or MRCSI (Ophthalmology) Part 1



Awarding Body	Qualification(s) required for exemption
University of Colombo	MD (Ophthalmology) Module IV or M.Med (Ophthalmology) or MD (Ophthalmology) Part II

For Part 1 queries contact frcs1@rcpsg.ac.uk

Part 2

Exemption from the Part 2 examination may be granted for the following qualifications:

Awarding Body	Qualification(s) required for exemption
International Council of Ophthalmologists *	Clinical Sciences or Clinical Ophthalmology
Ophthalmology Foundation	Clinical Ophthalmology

For Part 2 queries contact frcs2@rcpsg.ac.uk

* The International Council of Ophthalmologists qualifications listed are only valid for exemption from exam diets held prior to 1 January 2028. After 1 January 2028, these qualifications will no longer be valid for exemption.