FRCS Ophthalmology – Part 3

Dates and fees for 2026

Locations	Examination Dates	Applications Open	Capacity	Waiting List	Fee
Bangalore	21-24 March	CLOSED	40	20	*£2,094.50**
Amman	25-28 March	CLOSED	40	20	£1,775
Cairo	13-16 April	CLOSED	40	20	£1,775
Cairo	22-25 June	CLOSED	80	40	£1,850
Delhi	21-24 September	8-6 July	40	20	*£2,183**
Amman	3-6 November	13-26 July	40	20	£1,850
Mumbai	23-26 November	20 July-2 August	40	20	*£2,183**
Cairo	5-8 December	3-16 August	80	40	£1,850

Important Note for candidates sitting in India

***** *Effective for all exams taking place from 1st July 2025, please be informed that an additional 18% tax is applied to examination fees for candidates sitting the examinations in India. This tax is mandated by local Indian tax regulations and is not determined by the College. For diets held after April 2026, the exam fee for Indian centres £1,850 plus 18% tax, totalling £2,183.*

Locations:

The confirmed **Part 3** examination locations for 2026 are detailed above.

Applying for exam places:

- Candidates can express their interest by completing an online form, including submission of the relevant eligibility documentation, between the opening and closing dates. A link to the form will be published on the FRCS Part 3 web page when the exam opens.
- Expressions of interest received by email **will not** be considered.
- The College reserves the right to close the application window early if an exam is over subscribed.

Candidates registering interest must be prepared to submit their eligibility documentation as part of their application, and to pay the exam fee within one week of a place being confirmed. By registering your interest but not being prepared to accept a place, you are delaying the application process and potentially stopping others from being allocated a place. **Candidates who are offered and then reject a place may be excluded from applying for future diets.**

Candidates must not make more than one registration; multiple registrations (including the use of different emails addresses, dates of birth etc) will be deleted and may result in your registration being removed from the diet entirely.

By submitting the form candidates are expressing an interest in the open diets only. There will be no opportunity for their application to be forwarded to a later exam diet.

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 per diet is outlined in the table above. Exam places will be allocated from all eligible applications with the weighting of 60% of places being offered to candidates who have passed FRCS Part 2, and 40% to candidates who hold an exempting qualification. Candidates will not be prioritized based on previous attempts.

Resit candidates are not permitted to apply again until they have received their results from their previous examination attempt but **are no longer required to wait 12 months to re-apply.**

A waiting list 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.

In exceptional circumstances where the waiting list has been exhausted and places on a diet are still available, the College may re-open applications via a separate online form. In such circumstances, prioritisation criteria will not apply.

Confirmation of Places and Payment of Exam Fee:

Candidates will be notified one week after the closing date if they have been allocated a place on the examination.

Candidates who are offered a place will have **2 working** days from confirmation of an examination place to pay their exam fee in full. **Candidates who do not pay their fee within this timeframe will be withdrawn from the exam** and their place will be offered to another candidate. There will be no opportunity to move the allocated place to a later exam diet.

Candidates will be contacted for further information if the documents submitted at the point of application do not confirm eligibility. Candidates will then have **5 working days** to complete their application and provide any necessary documentation as advised by the College. **Candidates who do not complete their application within this timeframe will be withdrawn from the exam** and their place will be offered to another candidate. A refund of their exam fee will be processed **less a 20% administration fee**.

Once the submitted documentation is assessed, **if a candidate is found to not meet the eligibility criteria for the exam (as detailed in the regulations), the candidate will be withdrawn from the exam**, their place will be offered to another candidate, and a refund of their exam fee will be processed **less a 20% administration fee**.

Candidates who are allocated a place and pay their fee and subsequently decide they do not wish to sit at this diet will have their applications withdrawn in line with the Regulations and may forfeit their exam fee.

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 2 working days to pay their fee in full and complete their application.

General Conditions

- The Colleges may either cancel an examination centre if there are insufficient candidates or restrict numbers should this be necessary.
- Fees are correct at the time of publication.
- In the unlikely event that the examination has to be cancelled, the examination fee shall be reimbursed, but the Colleges shall incur no further liability for costs (for example for hotels, transport or visas).