



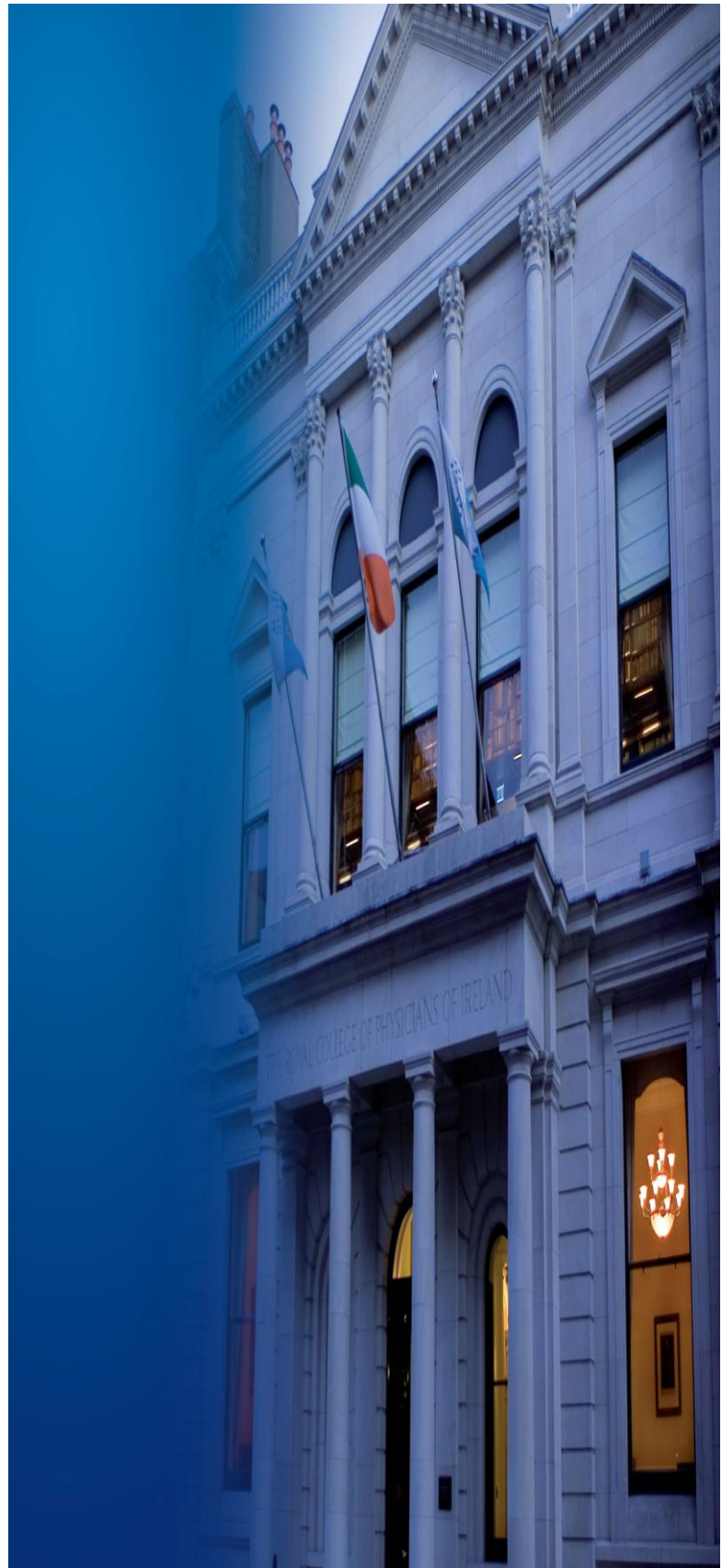
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PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

Regulations and Information for Candidates

MRCPI Part I General Medicine

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1. Responsibilities of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Membership of the Royal college of Physicians of Ireland (College) is governed by the By-Laws of the College (17-22 inclusive). The following Regulations apply to all candidates entering for the MRCPI examinations. Any decision on the interpretation of these Regulations made by the College is binding. The acceptance of any application is at the sole discretion of the College. Every candidate for the Membership of the College must pass both parts of the Membership Examination unless exemption has been granted as indicated in section 3.2 below.

The MRCPI Part I examination is designed to assess a candidate's knowledge and understanding both of the basic sciences relevant to medical practice and of the common or important disorders, to a level appropriate for entry to specialist training. The College conducts the MRCPI Part I examination in General Medicine and Paediatrics. Candidates who wish to become Members of the College must pass this examination in order to progress to the MRCPI Part II Examinations.

2. MRCPI Qualification

The MRCPI Part I examination is held in Dublin as well as a number of overseas centres. Details of these centres can be accessed via the overseas link on the examinations homepage <http://www.rcpi.ie/Examinations/Pages/Overseas.aspx>. Candidates who wish to apply to sit the MRCPI Part I General Medicine and Paediatrics will not be accepted for the examination before the expiry of 12 months from the date given on their diploma of medical qualification.

Candidates are not required to have undergone training in specific posts before entry to the examination, but the College recommends that candidates prepare by spending time gaining clinical experience in suitable hospital posts, studying up-to-date clinical textbooks and by reading current medical journals. In addition, it is recommended that candidates study section 5 in this booklet dealing with best of many question papers.

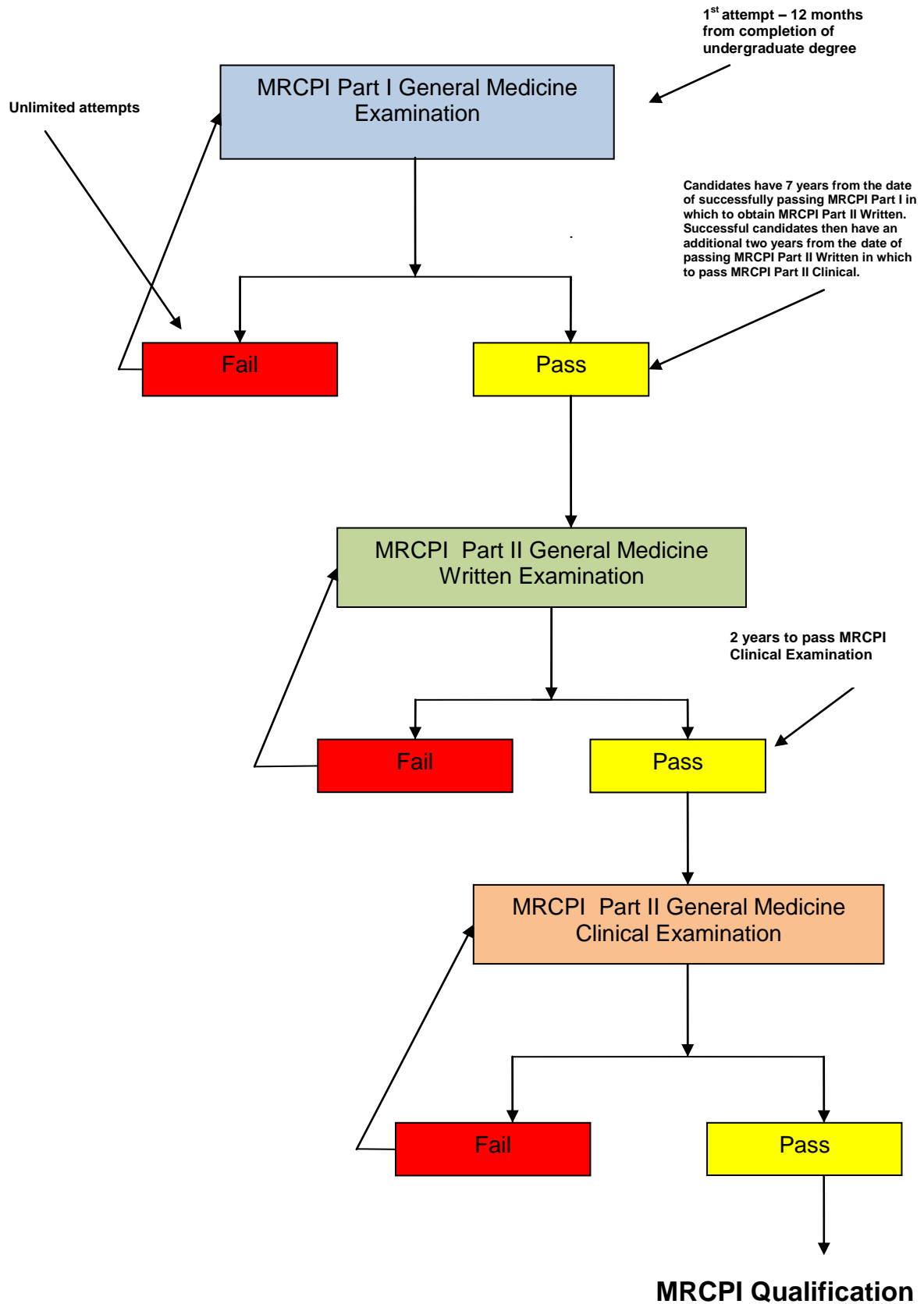
There is no restriction to the number of times a candidate can apply to sit the MRCPI Part I examination in order to pass. Candidates must pass the Part I examination before applying to enter the MRCPI Part II Written examination, unless they have been granted an exemption (see section 3.2 below). Candidates have 7 years from the date of successfully passing MRCPI Part I in which to obtain MRCPI Part II Written. Successful candidates then have an additional two years from the date of passing MRCPI Part II Written in which to pass MRCPI Part II Clinical. There will be no extension to this 7 year period. MRCPI Part I examination can be retaken if more than 7 years has elapsed since passing Part I.

Candidates who have passed the Part I examination, are now eligible to apply to sit the MRCPI Part II written examination. Candidates who successfully pass the written examination will be permitted a period of two years to pass the clinical examination before being required to resit the written examination. MRCPI Part II Written examination must be passed before a candidate is eligible to sit the MRCPI Part II Clinical examination.

Every candidate for MRCPI Part II Written membership exams must have submitted testimonials of his/her professional qualification and character references from two Medical Practitioners of at least 5 years standing and statements on the approved form regarding:

- Professional experience acceptable to the Education and Examination Committee
- Not keeping an open shop for the sale of medicine

2.1 MRCPI QUALIFICATION MAP



3. MRCPI Part I General Medicine

3.1 Entry qualifications

An application form must be completed in every detail and be accompanied by the appropriate fee and any other documents required, as well as two passport size photographs.

Applications will not be accepted by the College before the published opening date or after the published closing date.

No allowance can be made for postal or other delays. Late or incomplete applications cannot be accepted. The College takes no responsibility for returned documents mislaid in the post. Faxed applications are permissible by re-entrants once the method of payment is by credit card or direct bank transfers. Candidates should contact the examinations office to ensure receipt of all applications.

3.2 Exemptions

Applications claiming exemption must be accompanied by adequate documentary evidence. The following qualifications can be considered eligible for exemption from MRCPI:

MRCPI (Part I only)	MRCPI (Part I and Part II Written only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ MRCP(UK)❖ MRCPPath❖ MRCPCH❖ MRACP❖ FRCP(C) ❖ FCP(SA)❖ MRCPsych❖ FCP&S in Medicine and Paediatrics (Pakistan)❖ The American Boards in General (Internal Medicine and Paediatrics M. Med.(Malaysia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ FRACP <p>In addition to the above, the following qualifications are also recognised for exemption from MRCPI Part I for Obstetrics and Gynaecology ONLY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ MRCOG Part I❖ MRACOG (Australia)❖ MRNZCOG (New Zealand)❖ FCOG (SA)❖ FCPS (O&G) (Pakistan)❖ MRANZCOG

3.3 Examination locations

The MRCPI Part I is held in Dublin together with a number of overseas centres. Details of these centres can be accessed via the overseas link <http://www.rcpi.ie/Examinations/Pages/Overseas.aspx>.

3.4 Preparation for MRCPI Part I Examination

All MRCPI examinations are conducted in the English language.

There is a guideline syllabus to assist with the preparation for the MRCPI Part I General Medicine at the following link <http://www.rcpi.ie/Examinations/Pages/MRCPIPart1.aspx> under MRCPI Part I GM Syllabus. The guidelines present a framework of topics which should be covered, but it is not intended to be inclusive and candidates should not limit their studies solely to these topics.

3.5 Syllabus

The BST curriculum is fully aligned with the syllabus of the Membership examinations.

4. How to enter the MRCPI Part I Examination

4.1 Method of application

Dublin

Application for entry must be made on the appropriate form. The form, together with the examination calendar, can be downloaded from the College's website at www.rcpi.ie

Overseas

Candidates sitting examinations in Saudi Arabia and India should apply directly to the local centre. Please refer to the link <http://www.rcpi.ie/Examinations/Pages/Overseas.aspx> which is updated regularly with local centre information.

Candidates for all other remaining overseas centres should apply directly to the College in Dublin. Candidates must ensure that they indicate clearly the examination they wish to apply for. Careful note should be taken of the dates of entry.

Candidates must submit certified copies of their original diplomas (first time entrants only) of Medical Qualification, which must be adjudged to be satisfactory to the College. The receipt of the retention fee issued by the Medical Council is not acceptable as evidence of registration. Official translations will only be accepted if they have been prepared and/or authenticated by:

- (i) the issuing University or Medical School
- (ii) an Irish or British Consulate
- (iii) the candidate's own Embassy or High Commissioner in Ireland or the United Kingdom

The candidate's full name must be given at the time of entry to the examination and must agree with the name(s) given on the diploma of medical qualification.

Candidates who change their name(s) by marriage or deed poll must submit the original documentary proof of this, if they wish to be admitted to the examination in their new name.

Two recent passport size photographs are required for first time entrants only.

Candidates who take Part I General Medicine may take Part II in any available specialty, regardless of the paper in which they were successful in Part I subject to the eligibility criteria required for each speciality.

4.2 Visas

If a candidate requires a visa to sit an examination, it is the responsibility of the individual to ensure the visa application is made in sufficient time before the examination date for which it has been sought. The College has no influence in granting or refusing visa's. A refund will **not** be given if a candidate is unable to attend the examination as a result of a visa related problem.

4.3 Examination fees

The fees payable on entry to the MRCPI Part I and Part II Examinations are published annually.

Cheques or Bank Drafts should be made payable to: "The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland". Payment must be for the full amount in **Euro only**.

Please note: all bank drafts received **must** be drawn on a bank in the Republic of Ireland or the United Kingdom. No cheques or drafts from Standard Chartered Bank will be accepted. Only personal cheques from the Republic of Ireland or the United Kingdom will be accepted. Drafts

drawn from outside the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom are subject to an additional €40 handling fee.

Payment can also be made by credit card. Please complete the credit card details in the relevant section on the application form. Please note the College is unable to process credit card payments unless the candidate is the card holder. If the candidate is not the card holder, the College must have written authorisation from the card holder before proceeding with payment. The College cannot process Laser or Debit card applications.

Candidates can pay by transfer payment online.

No application to sit an examination will be accepted unless the appropriate fee has been paid and this fee must accompany the application form.

No candidate will be permitted to take any part of the examination unless all outstanding fees are paid in full.

4.4 Withdrawal from the examination

Notice of withdrawal from an examination must be given in writing to the College. A refund less 10% will be made if written notice of withdrawal is received by the College on or before the closing date of entry to the examination. No fee will be held over to a future examination. Refunds will not be made where candidates submit their withdrawal request after the closing date unless there are exceptional extenuating circumstances. Each request will be dealt with on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Dean of Examinations, whose decision is final. Documentary evidence is required in all cases. Any request (accompanied by supporting evidence) must be submitted within 2 weeks of the examination date if it is to be considered.

4.5 Examination Registration

Registration will take place 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the examination. Candidates will be admitted to the examination under the names (surname and first name(s)) as given in the current edition of the Medical Register of Ireland or of the United Kingdom or on their original medical registration certificates or diplomas of medical qualification or official translations of the diplomas. The last name will be taken as the surname. Passport, equivalent national identity card or drivers licence must be produced at all parts of each Examination.

5. MRCPI General Medicine Part I Examination Format

The Examination consists of one Best of Many (BoM) style paper.

- The examination is three hours in duration and there are 100 questions to answer.
- There is no negative marking so it is advised to attempt all questions.

5.1 Best of Many Paper (BoM)

There are a total of 100 BoM questions with each correct response being awarded 3 marks, resulting in a total of 300 marks for this paper.

The questions will appear in the format of the following example:

Which of the following has the most anti-viral activity?:

A. ganciclovir

- B. ranitidine
- C. danazol
- D. amantadine
- E. fluconazole

ANSWER: A

1. [A] [B] [C] [D] [E]

An example of the BoM answer sheet is shown on page 12 below. Candidates are expected to complete lines 1 to 100.

The standard necessary to achieve a pass is established via methods including criterion referencing, therefore, the pass mark and overall pass rate may vary from diet to diet of the examination. Every effort is made to ensure that the standard required is fair and consistent at every examination.

5.2 The question paper

The General Medicine paper contains questions designed to test the knowledge of the basis of medical practice over a wide area, including elementary statistics and clinical sciences, e.g. anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, pathology, microbiology and pharmacology.

The examination paper will cover elementary and clinical sciences. Increased emphasis will in future be given to basic science topics. Questions in both options may be set on relevant principles of cell molecular and membrane biology, immunology, genetics and on biochemistry, as well as anatomical, physiological, microbiological and pharmacological topics.

It is important that a candidate fully understands how to complete the answer sheet before they sit the examination. Please see detailed instructions at point 5.4 below.

5.3 Part I Blueprint

Each examination will consist of 100 questions in the single best answer style. The questions are selected to achieve a balanced spread of questions across the specialties, the sciences underlying medical practice and medical diseases, and basic skills required in general medicine. The questions will be on common or important diseases in hospital medical practice. The normal ranges of the number of questions, N, on each paper are shown on the following tables. The skills will be examined across the specialties and not necessarily within any individual specialty.

Specialties and sciences	N
Anatomy, Bacteriology, Biochemistry, Ethics, Genetics, Immunology, Metabolic, Physiology, Principles of evidence based practice and Statistics	5-15
Cardiovascular	5-15
Dermatology	2-8
Endocrinology	5-15
Gastroenterology	5-15
Haematology	5-15
Infectious diseases	2-8
Nephrology	5-15
Neurology	5-15
Ophthalmology	0-3
Psychiatry	0-3
Respiratory medicine	5-15

Rheumatology	5-15
Therapeutics and Pharmacology	5-15

Skills	N
Manage emergencies in medicine	5-20
Apply knowledge of disease	5-25
Understand mechanisms of disease	5-20
Interpret clinical information	5-25
Interpret data	5-20
Interpret images	0-10
Plan investigations	5-20
Plan non-drug therapy	5-20
Plan drug therapy	5-20

5.4 How to complete BoM answer sheet

An example of the BoM answer sheets is listed below. The completed answer sheet is computer scored which means the following instructions must be complied with fully, otherwise they may be rejected by the scoring machine.

- 5.4.1 Use only the PENCIL (Grade 2B) supplied. Answers in ink or a different grade of pencil cannot be read by the computer.
- 5.4.2 The answer sheet contains a row of boxes for each question. Each box refers to a single item and is numbered accordingly (i.e. 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E). Candidates should indicate which of the five possible answers is correct by pencilling in the appropriate lozenge.
- 5.4.3 Candidates may rub out an answer by using the eraser provided. To avoid too many erasures on the answer sheets, candidates are advised to indicate their answers in the question book in the first instance, before transferring them to the answer sheets. Remember to allow sufficient time to do so (e.g. half an hour).
- 5.4.4 Do not fold or crease the answer sheets.
- 5.4.5 At the end of the examination, the question books and answer sheets must be left on the desk. On no account should they be removed from the examination centre.

5.5 Examination rules and guidelines

- 5.5.1 These Regulations apply to all candidates for examinations of the College. Candidates should note that by applying to enter to sit an examination, they are deemed to have understood and agreed to comply by these Regulations.
- 5.5.2 Candidates are advised to allow for any transport delays when planning time of arrival at the examination centre. The College cannot guarantee candidates will be permitted to enter the examination centre after the start of the examination.
- 5.5.3 Candidates should assemble outside the examination centre at least 30 minutes before the start of the examination and will not enter until instructed by an invigilator(s).
- 5.5.4 Candidates will **not** be permitted entry into the examination centre if they arrive 30 minutes after the start of the examination.


- 5.5.5 Candidates **must** have their personal identity card and notification letter with them at **all** MRCPI examinations as proof of identity. A passport or drivers licence may be accepted if the candidate's name is stated in the same manner as on their primary medical degree. Candidates who have lost their College photo ID card, should send two passport photos to the College with a written request for a duplicate photo ID card. Candidates will **not** be admitted to the examination unless they produce photographic identification.
- 5.5.6 Candidates should note that drugs will almost always be referred to by their UK approved names (National Formulary) rather than their trade names. Biochemical and other measurements will be expressed in SI units.
- 5.5.7 Candidates are not permitted to bring into the examination centre, mobile phones, pagers, laptop computers, palm pilots, calculators, text books, documents or items of any kind other than those specifically allowed for that particular examination and previously notified to them.
- Any candidate found to be in possession of such a device during the examination will receive a verbal warning from the exam invigilator. A written report will be drafted and signed by the invigilator and countersigned by a witness to the event. This report will be forwarded to the Dean of Examinations. If the Dean considers the event to be a serious infringement of the exam regulations, the candidate will be advised that he/she is suspended from the exam. **This will result in exam failure, the loss of the exam fee and possible exclusion from re-entry to future exams.**
- 5.5.8 Candidates are **not** permitted to have their bags and/or other personal items at their desks during the examination. Invigilators will direct candidates to a secure area for personal items to be deposited for the duration of the examination.
- 5.5.9 Question papers are individually numbered with Examination Numbers at the top right hand corner.
- 5.5.10 Candidates must ensure they are sitting at the correct desk and their Examination Number corresponds to the desk number.
- 5.5.11 Candidates must place their Identity Card at the top right hand corner of the desk to enable the invigilators to carry out a check during the exam.
- 5.5.12 Candidates who want to change their postal address should raise their hand and will be given a form by an invigilator.
- 5.5.13 Candidates must use the pencil provided when filling out the answer sheet.
- 5.5.14 It is recommended that candidates initially indicate their answer against the questions in the question box in the question book. Candidates should leave sufficient time (e.g. half an hour) to transfer their answers to the answer sheet.
- 5.5.15 Rough work paper is not provided and candidates must confine notes to the question paper.
- 5.5.16 Candidates are not permitted to remove the question paper or image booklet from the examination hall nor are they allowed to copy out questions from the paper.
- 5.5.17 It is strictly forbidden for candidates to talk or attempt in any way to communicate with other candidates while the exam is in progress.

- 5.5.18 Pencil in the lozenges neatly and boldly. Completely fill in the area within the lozenge. The scoring machine has been programmed to ignore erasures, which can leave smudges. Faint responses and those lozenges that are only partially filled may be ignored by the scoring machine. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure only a single clear response is recorded for each question.
- 5.5.19 Smudges due to erasures may be caused by dirty erasers. Cleaning can be accomplished by rubbing the eraser against any clean part of the question book. Candidates should inform an invigilator if they are concerned about the appearance of their erasures.
- 5.5.20 If a candidate wishes to leave the examination early, they must raise their hand and wait for an invigilator to collect the paper. Candidates **cannot** leave the examination hall 30 minutes before the end of the examination. The College cannot take responsibility for lost or mislaid papers.
- 5.5.21 At the end of the examination, candidates must stop writing when instructed to do so by the invigilator and remain in their seat until the exam paper and answer sheet have been collected. Any candidate continuing to write after being instructed to stop will have their examination number noted. Their behaviour will be reported to the Dean of Examinations who will make a decision on further action.
- 5.5.22 Smoking is not permitted in any part of the examination centre. Candidates will not be permitted to leave the building for a smoke break during the examination.
- 5.5.23 Toilet breaks are permitted during the examination, but in an effort to minimise disruption candidates are requested to visit the toilet before the exam commences. Candidates visiting the toilet during the exam will be escorted by an invigilator.
- 5.5.24 Candidates are advised to provide their own refreshments during the examination, bearing in mind that hot food is not permitted.
- 5.5.25 Any candidate acting in breach of any of the above Regulations, or misbehaving in any way, may be suspended from the examination or be deemed to have failed the examination. If an infringement of the College Regulations is deemed to be particularly severe, the candidate concerned may be **permanently** disbarred from entering any future College examinations.

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Candidate Name _____

Date of Examination _____

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2	A B C D E	37	A B C D E	72	A B C D E
3	A B C D E	38	A B C D E	73	A B C D E
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9	A B C D E	44	A B C D E	79	A B C D E
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12	A B C D E	47	A B C D E	82	A B C D E
13	A B C D E	48	A B C D E	83	A B C D E
14	A B C D E	49	A B C D E	84	A B C D E
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17	A B C D E	52	A B C D E	87	A B C D E
18	A B C D E	53	A B C D E	88	A B C D E
19	A B C D E	54	A B C D E	89	A B C D E
20	A B C D E	55	A B C D E	90	A B C D E
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21	A B C D E	56	A B C D E	91	A B C D E
22	A B C D E	57	A B C D E	92	A B C D E
23	A B C D E	58	A B C D E	93	A B C D E
24	A B C D E	59	A B C D E	94	A B C D E
25	A B C D E	60	A B C D E	95	A B C D E
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26	A B C D E	61	A B C D E	96	A B C D E
27	A B C D E	62	A B C D E	97	A B C D E
28	A B C D E	63	A B C D E	98	A B C D E
29	A B C D E	64	A B C D E	99	A B C D E
30	A B C D E	65	A B C D E	100	A B C D E
	↓		↓		↓
31	A B C D E	66	A B C D E		
32	A B C D E	67	A B C D E		
33	A B C D E	68	A B C D E		
34	A B C D E	69	A B C D E		
35	A B C D E	70	A B C D E		

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6.1. Fire Evacuation

- 6.1 The emergency exits will be pointed out to candidates during the announcements prior to the commencement of the examination.
- 6.2 Unless otherwise advised, all alarms should be treated as an emergency. If the alarm is sounded, a College staff member will be responsible for the evacuation of the examination venue.
- 6.3 Candidates should note that they remain subject to examination rules during the evacuation and should not communicate or have contact with other candidates. Candidates must not attempt to collect personal belongings.
- 6.4 On instruction from the College staff member, all students will cease writing and leave their answer booklets on the desk.
- 6.5 The College staff member will instruct the invigilators to act as 'Fire Marshalls' and these marshals will be responsible for leading their designated sections of candidates.
- 6.6 The Fire Marshall should collect the exam register and evacuate the candidates to the assembly point using the emergency exists.
- 6.7 Do not use the lift.
- 6.8 When assembled the Fire Marshall will check the candidates against the examinations register.
- 6.9 If it is possible to resume the examination, candidates will be instructed to endorse their scripts with the words 'examination interrupted' indicating the time of the interruption and the time of resumption. Candidates will be allowed compensatory time equivalent to the period from the time the alarm sounded to the resumption of the examination, plus 10 minutes for re-reading the examination paper and settling back into the examination. The invigilator will inform candidates of the revised finishing time for the examination.
- 6.10 A written report of the evacuation will be filed by the College staff member and forwarded to the Dean of Examinations.
- 6.11 A delay of more than thirty minutes will automatically require a re-scheduling of the examination concerned. In this case, invigilators will announce to the students that they should contact the Examinations Department regarding alternative examination arrangements. Students may then leave.

7. Code of Conduct

This code shall apply to all candidates for examinations of the College. Candidates should note by applying to enter to sit an examination they are deemed to have understood and agreed to comply by this code. Misconduct includes, but is not restricted to:

- 7.1 Introduction into any examination materials other than those specifically permitted for the examination.
- 7.2 Any attempt to communicate with another candidate or any person other than an invigilator on duty.
- 7.3 Any attempt to gain access to or plagiarise the work of another candidate.

- 7.4 Any attempt to gain or pass on information with regard to the contents of the examination in advance of the date of the examination.
- 7.5 Impersonation of a candidate.
- 7.6 Bribery of another candidate or examination official.
- 7.7 Unacceptable or disruptive behaviour during an examination.
- 7.8 Failure to abide by the instructions of an invigilator or other examination official.
- 7.9 Falsification or alteration of any results document or qualification.

7.1 Report procedures

Suspected misconduct may be reported to the College by examiners, invigilators, candidates, patients and any other person who becomes aware of suspected misconduct.

- 7.1.1 Where an invigilator suspects a candidate of violation of examination rules and guidelines, they will:
 - (a) Confiscate any unauthorised material in the possession of the candidate.
 - (b) Make a note of the time when the alleged infringement was discovered. An invigilator should ask another invigilator to act as a witness to the alleged infringement and countersign the note to confirm this.
 - (c) Allow the candidate(s) to continue the examination. Ejection from the examination centre will only take place in the event of a candidate(s) causing disruption to other candidates.
 - (d) Inform the candidate(s) at the end of the examination that a written report of the incident will be submitted to the Dean of Examinations.
 - (e) Within three working days of the examination, the invigilator will submit a written report on the alleged incident together with any confiscated materials to the Dean of Examinations.

7.2 Investigation Procedure

The Dean of Examinations will review the report of the alleged case of misconduct and will determine whether there is sufficient evidence of a case to be answered after consulting with other members of College staff where necessary. In cases deemed to be of a very minor or technical nature, a letter of reprimand will be issued (and no further action will be taken).

In all other cases the Dean of Examinations will inform the candidate in writing of the allegations that have been made about them within 10 working days of receiving a report of alleged misconduct. The candidate will be invited to reply in writing to the allegation of misconduct.

The candidate will provide their response in writing to the allegation within 10 working days from the date of the Dean of Examinations letter. If no response is received within 10 working days, a warning letter will be sent. If no response to this warning letter is received within another 10 working days, the file will be sent to the College Executive for a final decision along with a recommendation of an appropriate penalty.

Where a candidate admits in writing to the allegations, full details of the case shall be passed to the College Executive to formally consider the case. The candidate will have the opportunity to include with their response a written statement which may be considered by the Executive. On full review of the case, the Executive will make a final decision, together with a recommendation of an appropriate penalty. The candidate will be notified of the Executive's decision in writing.

8. Adapted Examination Arrangements

Any candidate who has a physical disability, learning disability or any other special need that they believe could affect their performance in an examination, may be entitled to adapted examination arrangements. The purpose of any specific arrangement is to compensate for any restrictions imposed by a disability without impairing the validity of the examination. All such candidates should inform the Examinations Department at the time of application of their circumstances in writing, together with a consultants report to support their application. Failure to include this information at the time of application may affect the arrangements that can be put in place in time for the examination. The information provided is treated strictly confidentially.

9. Examination Results

The College processes the marking of MRCPI Part I examinations as quickly as possible, consistent with ensuring accuracy, fairness and a stable pass standard. Every effort is made to inform candidates of their result before the closing date for receipt of applications for the next available MRCPI Part II Written examination, although admittance to that examination cannot be guaranteed. Secure transport of candidate's optical mark sheets to the College from overseas centres, human inspection of the adequacy of the candidate's pencil shadings and optical scanning are required to obtain accurate raw data. Mathematical performance indicators are then calculated and scrutinised by the examiners, along with invigilator's reports, to confirm the fairness of every question. Misperceived or ambiguous phrasing, misprinting or breach of security can occasionally lead to questions being withdrawn. The mathematical procedure for determining the pass mark is then applied and approved by the examiners. Individual feedback letters giving detailed breakdown of performance by sub-specialty are prepared.

- Examination results for successful candidates **only** will be posted on the College website, approximately four working weeks after the date of the examination. Under no circumstances will examination results be given over the telephone, by fax, email or by visiting the College in person.
- All result letters will be posted to candidates shortly thereafter.

- If a candidate wishes his/her result letter to be sent to a different address from that on their application form, they will need to complete the “Change of Address” form available from the invigilators during the examination.
- Please refrain from telephoning the College regarding your result during this period, as this will delay the process.

9.1 Recheck procedure

Candidates can request a recheck of their examination results in any section of the MRCPI examinations. There is a fee of €150 for this procedure. This charge will be refunded if a recheck changes the overall examination result.

Requests for a recheck of examination results must be made in writing, to the Dean of Examinations at the College address within six weeks of the results release date, together with the recheck application form.