



MRCPI PART 2 GENERAL INFORMATION

1. MRCPI PART 2 EXAMINATIONS

- (a) Candidates are allowed an unlimited number of attempts (please see the MRCPI Part 2 General Medicine regulation document for details of the application prioritisation system).
- (b) Part 2 Examinations consist of written, oral (on occasions), and clinical examinations.
- (c) Candidates may take the Part 2 Examination in General Medicine, Medicine of Childhood, or Obstetrics and Gynaecology, or Social and Preventive Medicine.
- (d) See MRCPI Part 2 Subjects Other Than General Medicine for an outline of the training requirements for Medicine of Childhood, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Social and Preventive Medicine.

2. HOW TO ENTER THE EXAMINATIONS

- (a) Application for entry must be made on the appropriate application form which, together with the Examination calendar, may be downloaded from the College's website at www.rcpi.ie
- (b) Careful note should be taken of dates of entry because:
 - (i) Applications will not be accepted by the College before the published opening date or after the published closing date.
 - (ii) Applicants are advised to submit their application as early as possible after the opening date because the number of applications regularly exceeds the number of places available.

Two recent passport size photographs are required.

- (d) Candidates who are claiming exemption from Part 1 must submit the required proof of qualification (See Section 5 of MRCPI General Information).
- (e) Applications will not be accepted before the results of previous attempts are known. Candidates may be deferred for one or more examinations on account of poor performance.
- (f) Candidates who have passed the Part II MRCPI Examination and who wish to re-sit this Exam in another specialty are ordinarily exempt from re-sitting the Part I MRCPI Examination.
- (g) For Membership by Published Work, (exemption from Part 2), see Section 4.

3. MEMBERSHIP BY PUBLISHED WORK (BY-LAW 19)

Any candidate who has passed, or is exempt from, Part 1 and has held a registerable qualification for at least ten years may gain exemption from Part 2 of the Membership Examination by submitting published work of adequate standard. The work must be of substantial importance and of significant scientific content.

The candidate must declare that the work is wholly his/her own or else indicate the extent of his/her contribution to a joint effort. There is no set number of publications required, but as a guideline, there should be at least 15 and the applicant should be one of the major, if not the principal authors. Clearly the number of publications and length of them varies from speciality to speciality.

It must be declared whether the publications have previously been accepted for a higher medical qualification. Three copies of the publications must be lodged with the Registrar at the time the application is made together with the fee for the Membership Examination. Published work will be considered as an attempt.

Those considering application by By-Law 19 should request additional information from the Examination Office.

4. ADMISSION TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Candidates successful in the Part 2 Examination are required:

- (i) To pay a diploma fee.
- (ii) Before signing the Roll of Members, to subscribe the following Declaration in the presence of the President and Fellows:

"I do hereby solemnly and sincerely promise that I will observe and obey the Statutes, By-Laws and Regulations of this College relating to Members and will submit to such penalties as may be lawfully imposed for any neglect or infringement of them, including the erasure of my name from the list of Members and the surrender of my Diploma of Membership received from the College. I further promise and declare that I will, to the best of my ability do all things in the practice of my profession for the honour of the College and the good of the public.

I further promise and declare that I will not keep open shop for the sale of medicines, or endeavour to obtain practice or to attract public notice, by any unworthy means; nor will I either permit or sanction the use of my name by any other person for such purposes, or in connection with any secret remedy; and in case of any doubt relative to the true meaning or application of this engagement, I promise to submit to the judgement of the College".

- (iii) Candidates who are unable to attend the Admission Ceremony in person may by permission of the College be admitted in absentia after subscribing to the Declaration before the President or a Notary Public and paying the additional fee.
- (iv) **Please note:** Candidates can only be admitted to Membership once – i.e. a candidate admitted to Membership in one specialty cannot subsequently be admitted to Membership, in another specialty.