



ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

MRCPI GENERAL INFORMATION

1. INTRODUCTION

Membership of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland 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 Royal College of Physicians of Ireland must pass both parts of the Membership Examination unless exemption has been granted as indicated in Section 5.

The Personal Identity Card issued to each candidate must be produced at all parts of each Examination.

2. REGISTRATION

- (a) Candidates will be admitted to the Examination in the names (surname and first names) 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.
- (b) Candidates who change their names 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.

3. EXAMINATION FEES

The fees payable on entry to the Part 1 and Part 2 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.

Payment can also be made by credit card and direct bank transfer. Please complete the credit card details in the relevant section of the application form or fill out the appropriate bank transfer form.

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

4. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EXAMINATION

- (a) Notice of withdrawal from an Examination must be given in writing to the College.
- (b) 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.
- (c) **IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY REFUND BE MADE AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.**
- (d) **NO FEE WILL BE HELD OVER TO A FUTURE EXAMINATION.**

5. EXEMPTION

Information on Exemption from MRCPI can be accessed via the relevant examination webpage.

6. INFORMATION

- (i) The candidate's full name must be given at the time of entry to the Examination and must agree with the names given on the diploma of medical qualification.
- (ii) PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE:
Candidates for the MRCPI Part 2 Examinations in Paediatrics, and Social & Preventive Medicine can obtain specimens of the Part 2 questions set in recent years, by downloading the past papers form which is available under the relevant area of the Examinations section of our website.

These are not currently available in General Medicine. However, candidates may find it helpful to peruse the Part 2 Questions set in recent years in the MRCP (UK) Examination which are a very similar style to those used in the MRCPI. However, both Examinations are in the process of changing to 'Best of Many' and 'Multiple Matching' style written questions.

A list of posts approved for General Professional Training in Ireland is available from the College.

- (iii) MISCELLANEOUS
Medical Registration:
Candidates seeking information regarding registration in the Republic of Ireland should apply to: The Medical Council, Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2. Ph. (01) 4983100.

7. GENERAL NOTES:

(a) TRANSPORT DELAYS

You are advised to allow for any transport delays when planning your time of arrival at the Examination centre, as under no circumstances will you be permitted to go into the Examination Room later than half an hour after the start of the examination.

(b) VISA APPLICATIONS

THE COLLEGE HAS NO ROLE TO PLAY IN THE GRANTING OR REFUSING OF VISAS.

(c) DRUG NAMES

Please note that drugs will almost invariably be referred to by their U.K. approved names (National Formulary) rather than their trade names. Biochemical and other measurements will be expressed in SI units.

(d) MEMBERSHIP CONFERRING CEREMONIES

The College holds several Membership Conferring Ceremonies throughout the year for candidates who have successfully completed all parts of the Membership examinations. To alleviate overcrowding at the ceremonies the College has introduced a guest ticket allocation scheme. Each new Member appearing at the Ceremony will be allocated guest tickets – these will admit a number of guests, including children (over the age of ten only), in addition to each new Member. New Members will be notified before each ceremony of the number of guest tickets available.

No extra tickets will be made available on the day of the ceremony. Guests without tickets will not be admitted.

Please note: The limit to the number of guests, and the minimum age limit, will be strictly adhered to on the day of the ceremony.

(e) **EXAMINATION RESULTS**

PART 1

The results of the Part 1 examination will be mailed no earlier than four weeks after the examination.

PART 2

The results of the Part 2 Written examination will be mailed no earlier than four weeks after the examination.

- Candidates are requested to refrain from telephoning the College regarding their results as this will delay the process further.
- Results will be sent by regular post.
- Please note: under no circumstances will results be given over the telephone or by fax.
- Where possible a provisional list of successful candidates will be made available on the College website on the day that the results are mailed.
- It is important that candidates inform the Invigilator at the examination of any change of address, otherwise their result will be posted to the address on their application form.

(f) **CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES**

Candidates with disabilities - for example a speech impediment, visual or hearing impairment, mobility problems etc - who feel that their disability may affect their examination performance are advised to contact the Examinations Department as soon as possible before the examination, ideally at the time of application.

Please note: the MRCPI examinations, both written and clinical, attract large numbers of candidates and due to their exacting timetables and structure the College cannot guarantee to accommodate each individual candidate's requirements. However, all reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that candidates' disabilities are taken into account.

8. ACCOMMODATION

For information regarding hotels and guest houses apply to Bord Fáilte Eireann, Baggot Street Bridge, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 602 4000.

9. EXAMINATION SECURITY & PROTOCOL

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

Candidates are reminded that they must have their College photo I.D. card with them at all MRCPI examinations as proof of identity. A passport 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 I.D. card should send two passport photos to the College with a written request for a duplicate photo I.D. card.

CANDIDATES' BAGS & BELONGINGS (e.g. briefcases, handbags, coats etc)

Candidates are NOT permitted to have their bags and/or other belongings at their desks or on their person during any examination. Candidates will be notified of storage areas for such items on the day of the exam.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The possession and use of electronic devices during the examination is **NOT** permitted.

These devices include the following:

- Mobile Phones
- Pagers
- Laptop Computers

- Hand-held Computers (Palm Pilot etc)

Candidates must leave all such devices with their bags.

Please Note:

- Any candidate found to be in possession of such a device during the exam 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 Director of Examinations.
- If the Director deems 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.**

SMOKING

Smoking is **NOT** permitted in the exam hall or adjacent areas (e.g. toilets). Candidates will **NOT** be permitted to leave the building for a smoke break during the exam.

TOILETS

Although toilet breaks are permitted during the exam, in an effort to minimise disruption candidates are requested to visit the toilets before the exam commences.

Candidates visiting the toilets during the exam will be escorted by an invigilator.

Candidates are advised to also read the MRCPI Part 1 Exam Procedures document in the MRCPI Part 1 Exam Resources area of the College website.

REFRESHMENTS

Drinking water will be provided during MRCPI examinations wherever possible, though this will depend on the exam venue. Candidates are therefore advised to provide their own refreshments, bearing in mind that hot food is not allowed.

PARKING FACILITIES

Again, this depends on the exam venue. Candidates are therefore advised to make their own provisions in relation to parking spaces and all other travel arrangements.

10. EXAMINATION RESULTS QUERIES

Candidates may request a re-check of their examination results in any section of the MRCPI examinations. There is a charge of €150 for this service. This charge will be refunded if a re-check changes the overall examination result.

Requests for a re-check 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.