



2018/2019 MRCSI Exam Information

FRCOphth Part 1 Exam

You must pass the FRCOphth Part 1 exam in order to be eligible to sit the MRCSI Part 2 exam. The Royal College of Ophthalmologists (RCOphth) UK are the training body that run the FRCOphth Part 1 exam. You can sit the exam in the UK or in Dublin, where it is hosted by the Irish College of Ophthalmologists. The dates for UK and Dublin are the same.

The examination and application closing dates for 2018/2019 are:

DUBLIN – Part 1	Exam Date	Closing Dates
FRCOphth Part 1	01-10-2018	06-08-2018
FRCOphth Part 1	14-01-2019	19-11-2018
FRCOphth Part 1	29-04-2019	04-03-2019
FRCOphth Part 1	07-10-2019	05-08-2019

To Apply

Any candidates applying for the exam for the first time and not registered with the GMC have to make their first application offline (email or post) so that the RCOphth can manually validate eligibility. Please contact the exams office in the RCOphth to do this exams@rcophth.ac.uk.

All subsequent applications are made via the RCOphth website: <https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/examinations/book-now/>.

There is information on demonstrating eligibility for those not registered with the GMC in the information pack on the RCOphth website <https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/examinations/part-1-fellowship/>. You can provide your IMC number in lieu of your PMQ.

Contact

For advice on completing your application, you can email exams@rcophth.ac.uk.

Closing Dates

It is essential that you pay close attention to the closing dates for each exam, as these can be as early as 2-3 months before the examination date.

Refraction Exam and MRCSI Part 2 Exam

The Refraction exam and the MRCSI Part 2 exam (also known as FRCOphth Part 2), are both hosted in Dublin by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI).

The examinations and application closing dates for 2018/2019 are:

DUBLIN - Refraction & Part 2	Exam Date	Closing Dates
MRCSI Ophth Part 2 Written	10-10-2018	14-09-2018
MRCSI Ophth Part 2 Written (Supplemental)*	09-01-2019	25-11-2018
MRCSI Ophth Part 2 Written	16-10-2019	13-09-2019
MRCSI Ophth Part 2 Clinical	01-02-2019	09-12-2018
MRCSI Ophth Optics & Refraction	28-06-2019	09-06-2019
MRCSI Ophth Optics & Refraction (Supplemental)*	06-09-2019	21-07-2019

To Apply

Please visit <https://postgradexams.rcsi.ie/public/openexams> to search for the relevant exam and to apply.

Contact

If you have any queries, you will see listed on the portal a contact person from the RCSI Exams office for each exam or you can contact the general exams email pgexams@rcsi.ie.

Regulations

For the Regulations and Eligibility Guidelines of the RCSI run components of the MRCSI Exam, please visit <http://www.rcsi.ie/ophmembersexams>.

Refraction Exam Exemption

You may apply for an exemption of the refraction component of the MRCSI exam if you can demonstrate registration as an optometrist with CORU Ireland or the General Optical Council (GOC) UK within 5 years of the refraction exam date. It is important you do this in plenty of time *before the date of registration* for the refraction exam in case your exemption is not valid and you need to sit the refraction exam. Please visit the ICO website for details on how to apply for this exemption.

Important

*The supplemental diets will only be made available to unsuccessful candidates from the first sitting of the exam. A first application cannot be made to the supplemental diets.

**Any successful candidates following the written supplemental on 09/01/2019 will be facilitated to submit a late application for the February Clinical exam. All other candidates must apply by the deadline.

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