

Entry onto the Basic Specialist Training Programme in Medical Ophthalmology 2021

Template Candidate Score Sheet

Candidate Name:

Interview Centre:

Interview Date:

NB: Please note this scorecard is open to minor reviews (< 5%) on an ongoing basis. Any more major changes will be communicated via the ICO website.

Please note that a minimum score for Shortlisting is included below for Sections 1 & 2. This is intended only as a guide and may be subject to change. Meeting the minimum score is not a guarantee that you will be shortlisted for interview. In 2019 the average score of candidate's selected for interview was 37.

1. Educational & Academic Achievements (Max Points 25)

*A minimum score of 10/25

Topic	Max points allowed 25	Actual points awarded
NOTE: Points are not cumulative		
Undergraduate achievements		
Centile rating: Top 10% (i.e. 90 – 100%)	15	
Next 20% (i.e. 70 – 89%)	12	
Next 40% (i.e. 30 – 69%)	9	
Next 20% (i.e. 10 – 29%)	6	
Lowest 10% (i.e. 0 – 9%)	2	
Or		
First Class Honours Degree	15	
Second Class Honours Degree	10	
Medals / Prizes	1 per award max 3	
Research Grants	3 max	
Duke Elder - Position	First = 5, Top 10 = 2, Top 20 = 1	
Postgraduate Achievements		
MSc, MCh, MD or PhD	1.5, 2, 5, 10	
Other suitable relevant degrees (BSc, Mmedsci)	(Full time) 0 – 4 depending on relevance	
FRCOphth Part 1	10	
MRCPI / MRCSI / FRCS (Glas)/MRCGP (Pt I=2.0 points) Pt II=10 points	10	
International Council of Ophthalmology Examination	5	
Total Points Section 1:		

*Centile rating will be routinely used. First or second class honours scoring will only be used where centile ratings are unavailable.

2. Research / Extra Curricular / (Max Points 25)

* A minimum score of 6/25

Topic	Max points allowed 25	Actual Points Awarded
Research / Presentations / Publications Marks awarded at 50% if non-ophthalmic content		
50% of points are awarded for non-ophthalmic content except audit		
Published International Journal First Author	10 x 1 Max 15	
Published International Journal Joint Author	5 x 1 Max 5	
Published National Journal / First Author	5 x 1 Max 10	
Published National Journal / Joint Author	3 x 1 Max 6	
Presented at National Meeting	3 (Max 6)	
Presented at International Meeting	4 (Max 8)	
Case report / Abstract / First Author	3 (Max 6)	Intl or Nat
Research in Progress	2 (Max 2)	
Audit Participation* Same points awarded if ophthalmic or non-ophthalmic content	2 (Max 6)	
Relevant Clinical Experience	2 (max 6)	
Relevant Courses	2 (max 4)	
Total points Section 2:		

A: All dates will be before the deadline of the application EXCEPT for:

1. Acceptance of publications / presentations and
2. Completion of courses, where the deadline will be the day of the short-listing.
3. Passing of Part 1 FRCOph UK where the deadline will be the day of the shortlisting / interview.

B: *Audits, although ideally should be scored more highly for a complete cycle, will remain as is for the moment, as any change may disadvantage candidates entering from internship.

C: Only submitted articles / papers / posters / abstracts / audits will be scored.

D: Points cannot be duplicated from other sections.

3. Suitability for a career in Ophthalmology and interview performance (Maximum Points 50)

Topic				Max Score	Actual Score
Suitability for a career in Ophthalmology	<i>Why are you applying for the NTP In Ophthalmology?</i>	<i>Evidence of suitability</i>	<i>Knowledge of current issues in Ophthalmology</i>	20	
Communication skills	<i>Interpersonal Skills</i>	<i>Teamwork</i>	<i>Assertiveness</i>	10	
Stress Management	<i>Decision making under stress</i>	<i>Workload & self-management</i>	<i>Self-awareness</i>	10	
Personal Determination	<i>Drive</i>	<i>Enthusiasm</i>	<i>Motivation</i>	5	
References				5	
Total points Section 3:				50	

Overall Points:	Section1	Section 2	Section 3	Total