



Irish College of
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Exemption - Refraction Component of the MRCSI Exam

Please see below how to apply for an exemption for the refraction component of the MRCSI exam.

Eligibility Rule:

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.**

How to Apply for the Exemption:

1. Contact CORU or the GOC to request confirmation of your registration. 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
2. Once you receive the letter of confirmation from CORU or GOC, send it by email to the ICO for review (rebecca.martin@eyedoctors.ie and siobhan.kelly@eyedoctors.ie)
3. The ICO will let you know if you are eligible for the exemption
4. The final step is registering the exemption with RCSI Exams. You will be asked to provide evidence of passing the refraction exam when you are applying for the clinical component of the MRCSI exam via RCSI. This is when you upload the letter from CORU or the GOC