

## Basic Specialist Training Programme in Medical Ophthalmology 2024

### Template Candidate Scorecard

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

*Please also 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 2022/2023, the average score of candidates invited for interview was 28.88 for Basic Medical Training and the minimum score of candidates invited to interview was 19.*

### Section 1: Educational & Academic Achievements (Maximum Points 25)

**\*A MINIMUM SCORE OF 6/25**

Topic	Max points allowed 25	Points awarded
<b>NOTE: Points are not cumulative</b>		
<b>Medical School achievements</b>		
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	
National Medals Prizes**	1 per award (Max 3)	
Research Grants:	3 Max	
Duke Elder – Ranking Position	First = 5, Top 10 = 2, Top 20 = 1	
<b>Other relevant degrees</b>		
Other suitable relevant degrees (BSc, Mmedsci): Full time	0-2 MSc+1	
<b>Higher Degrees</b>		
MSc, MCh, MD or PhD	1.5, 2, 5, 10	
<b>Postgraduate Examinations</b>		
FRCOph UK Part 1	10	
MRCPI / MRCSI / MRCGP (Part I=2 points) Part II=10 points	2 - 10	
FRCS (Glas)/ FRCS Ed ophth	10	
International Council of Ophthalmology Examination(Parts I, II&III)	5	
<b>Total Points Section 1:</b>		

\*Centile rating will be used. Applicants who do not provide a centile will be awarded the lowest score of 1 mark. Applicants who did not receive a centile from their university and submit a letter from their university confirming this will be awarded 6 marks.

\*\*Only National Medals/Prizes are awarded marks. University specific Medals/Prizes will not be awarded marks.

**Section 2: Research / Extra Curricular / (Maximum Points 35)**

**\* A MINIMUM SCORE OF 9/35**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Max points allowed</b> <b>35</b>	<b>Points awarded</b>
<b>Research / Presentations / Publications</b> <b>Marks awarded at 50% if non-ophthalmic content</b>		
<b>50% of points are awarded for non-ophthalmic content except audit</b>		
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 International Meeting	4 (Max 8)	
Presented at National Meeting	3 (Max 6)	
Case report / Abstract / First Author	3 (Max 6)	Intl or Nat
<b>Research in Progress</b>	2 (Max 2)	
<b>Audit Participation</b> Same Points Awarded If Ophthalmic Or Non-Ophthalmic Content	2 (Max 6)	
<b>Relevant Clinical Experience</b> Includes Medical & Ophthalmic Experience	2 (Max 6)	
<b>Relevant Courses</b> <i>Online courses will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</i>	2 (Max 4)	
<b>Total points Section 2:</b>		

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

1. Passing of Part 1 FRCOph UK where the deadline will **3pm 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

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

**C:** Points cannot be duplicated from other sections.

**Section 3: Suitability for a career in Ophthalmology and interview performance (Max Points 40)**

<b>Topic</b>				<b>Max Score</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Suitability for a career in Ophthalmology</b>	<i>Why are you applying for the NTP In Ophthalmology?</i>	<i>Evidence of suitability</i>	<i>Knowledge of current issues in Ophthalmology</i>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Communication Skills</b>	<i>Interpersonal Skills</i>	<i>Teamwork</i>	<i>Assertiveness</i>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Decision making / Workload / Stress Management</b>	<i>Decision making under stress</i>	<i>Workload &amp; self-management</i>	<i>Self-awareness</i>	<b>10</b>	
<b>References</b>				<b>5</b>	
<b>Total points Section 3:</b>				<b>40</b>	

<b>Overall Points:</b>	<b>Section 1 (25 )</b>	<b>Section 2 (35)</b>	<b>Section 3 (40)</b>	<b>Total</b>