Irish College of Ophthalmologists
Eye Doctors of Ireland
Protecting your Vision

BASIC SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAMME IN MEDICAL OPHTHALMOLOGY (BMT)

Application Scorecard July 2027 Intake

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

Meeting the minimum score is not a guarantee that you will be shortlisted for interview. In July 2026 intake, the average score of candidates invited for interview was 34.7 for Basic Medical Training and the minimum score of candidates invited to interview was 24.

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

***A minimum score of 9/25 must be acquired for an application to be shortlisted.**

Topic	Max Points Allowed: 25
Medical School	**Maximum Points = 15**
Centile rating:[1] Centile: 90 – 100%	15
Centile: 75 – 89%	12
Centile: 60 – 74%	9
Centile: 45 - 59%	8
Centile: 30 - 44%	7
Centile: 25 - 29%	6
Centile: 20 - 24%	5
Centile: 15 - 19%	4
Centile: 10 - 14%	3
Centile: 5 - 9%	2
Centile: 0- 4%	1
National Medals / Prizes University Medal / Prizes	1 per award 0.5 per award (3 points max in medal/prize)
Research Grants:	3 points max
Duke Elder: Ranking Position	First = 6, Top 10 = 4, Top 20 = 2
Relevant Degrees	**Maximum Points = 2**
Other suitable relevant degrees (BSc): Full time	2
Higher Degrees	**Maximum Points = 12**
MSc, MCh, MD or PhD	3, 5, 8, 12
Postgraduate Examinations	**Maximum Points = 12**
FRCOphth UK Part 1	12
MRCPI / MRCGP Part I: 2 points Part II: 5 points	2 – 5 (7 points for full suite)
FRCS (Glas) FRCS Ed Ophth International Council of Ophthalmology Examination (Parts I, II&III)	5 5 5
Total Points Section 1:	

[1] *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*

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

***A minimum score of 12/35 must be acquired for an application to be shortlisted.**

Topic	Max Points Allowed: 35
Published International Journal (First Author) *	10 per publication (Max 15 points)
Published International Journal (2nd Author) *	5 per publication (Max 5 points)
Published National Journal (First Author) *	5 per publication (Max 10 points)
Published National Journal (2nd Author) *	3 per publication (Max 6 points)
Case report / First Author only *	3 per report (Max 6 points)
Podium Presentation at listed Conferences*	3 per presentation (Max 6 points)
Poster Presentation at listed Conferences*	2 per presentation (Max 4 points)
Podium Presentation at other Conferences*	2.5 per presentation (Max 5 points)
Poster Presentation at other Conferences*	1.5 per presentation (Max 3 points)
Audit Participation[3]	4 per complete audit 2 per first cycle audit (Max 6 points)
Research in Progress*	2 entry (Max 2 points)
Relevant Ophthalmic Experience	2 per entry (Max 6 points)
Relevant Courses[4]	2 per course (Max 4 points)
Total points Section 2:	

***Research / Presentations / Publications: Marks awarded at 50% if non-ophthalmic content**
No points awarded after second author.
Only submitted articles / papers / posters / abstracts / audits will be scored.
Points <u>cannot be duplicated</u> from other sections.

[3] Same points awarded if ophthalmic or non-ophthalmic content

[4] Online courses will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis

Listed Meetings
1. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) 2. American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) 3. European Society of Retina Specialists (EURetina) 4. European Society Of Cataract & Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS) 5. United Kingdom & Ireland Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgeons (UKISCRS) 6. FLORetina 7. European Glaucoma Society (EGS) 8. British & Irish Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Association (BIPOSA) 9. ICO Annual Conference 10. Retina World Congress 11. RCOphth Annual Conference 12. EVER Congress 13. British Oculoplastic Surgery Society (BOPSS) 14. American Association for Paediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus (AAPOS) 15. British & Eire Association of Vitreoretinal Surgeons (BEAVERS) 16. UK and Éire Glaucoma Society (UKEGS) 17. European Society of Cornea & Ocular Surface Disease Specialists Annual Conference (EuCornea) 18. European Association for Vision & Eye Research (EVER) 19. International Society for Eye Research (ISER)

Section 3: Suitability For A Career In Ophthalmology And Interview Performance (Max Points 40)

Topic	Max Points Allowed: 40
Suitability for a career in Ophthalmology	**10**
Communication Skills & Self-Management	**10**
Research & Experience	**10**
Clinical Scenario	**10**
Total points Section 3:	**40**