

Basic Specialist Training Programme in Surgical Ophthalmology 2024

Template Candidate Scorecard

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.

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 52.34 for Basic Surgical Training and the minimum score of candidates invited to interview was 49.

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

**A minimum score of 12/25*

Topic	Max points allowed 25	Points awarded
NOTE: Points are not cumulative		
Medical School 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	
National Medals Prizes**	1 per award (Max 3)	
Research Grants:	3 Max	
Duke Elder – Ranking Position	First = 5, Top 10 = 2, Top 20 = 1	
Other relevant degrees		
Other suitable relevant degrees (BSc, Mmedsci): Full time	0-2 MSc+1	
Higher Degrees		
MSc, MCh, MD or PhD	1.5, 2, 5, 10	
Postgraduate Examinations		
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	
Total Points Section 1:		

*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 16/35

Topic	Max points allowed 35	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 International Meeting	4 (Max 8)	
Presented at National Meeting	3 (Max 6)	
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 <i>Online courses will be reviewed on a case by case basis.</i>	2 (Max 4)	
Total points Section 2:		

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

1. Passing of Part 1 FRCOph UK where the deadline will **3pm 12th 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)

Topic				Max Score	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>	15	
Communication Skills	<i>Interpersonal Skills</i>	<i>Teamwork</i>	<i>Assertiveness</i>	10	
Decision making / Workload / Stress Management	<i>Decision making under stress</i>	<i>Workload & self-management</i>	<i>Self-awareness</i>	10	
References				5	
Total points Section 3:				40	

Overall Points:	Section 1 (25)	Section 2 (35)	Section 3 (40)	Total