

Application for appointment as an examiner for the MRCP(UK) Part 2 Clinical Examination (PACES)

Dear Colleague,

Nomination and Appointment of Examiners

Thank you for your interest in applying to become a PACES examiner. The PACES exam is an integral part of the United Kingdom's medical training system and helps to ensure that trainees meet the highest standards of patient care. Examining offers physicians the opportunity to earn external CPD points, develop their skills as an assessor, and share best practice with other physicians from around the country.

Applicants should review the attached criteria and complete the application form. Completed forms must be submitted to the Examination Department of your College (or your chosen College if you are a Fellow of more than one). Please pay particular attention to the declarations section of the form as we will require your signature before the application will be considered. Supporting statements and signatures are required from two referees, both of whom should be Fellows, or Members, of one of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK. One of the referees must be a current PACES examiner.

Information on the appointment criteria can be found overleaf. Any applicants who are unsure of their eligibility should contact their College's Examination Department for guidance.

Once appointed, examiners must satisfactorily complete examiner training before they will be permitted to examine. Once trained, examiners are invited to examine at venues organised by any of the three Royal Colleges of Physicians.

In order to retain examiner status, examiners will be required to abide by the PACES examiner code of conduct, and maintain adherence to the criteria, and will be asked to confirm this on an annual basis.

Thank you, once again, for your interest.



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MRCP(UK) PACES Examiner Selection Criteria

Hold MRCP(UK) (desirable).
Collegiate Member or Fellow in good standing of one of the Royal College of Physicians of the UK.
GMC registered with a licence to practise and in good standing (or regulatory equivalent in country of practice).
Have been involved with physicians in training within the last two years.
(UK only) Participate in revalidation, including annual appraisal in current post, and adhere to CPD requirements.
(UK only) Have undergone equality and diversity training within the past three years.
Physicians interested in, but not necessarily expert in, medical assessment.
Collegiate Members must have achieved the Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT), or be on the specialist register, and be in a substantive consultant post.
Examiners who are resident outside the UK and who wish to examine must hold Fellowship of one of the UK colleges of physicians and be in good standing.
Examine at least six cycles (30 candidates) per annum averaged over two years.

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