



# Final FRCR Part 2B Examiner (CR2B)

Contributor candidate pack



The Royal College of Radiologists

# 01 Welcome



It's a pleasure to welcome you as you explore the opportunity to contribute to the work of the Royal College of Radiologists. I'm delighted that you're considering joining our committed community of professionals who contribute their time, skills and experience to support our work.

At the RCR, colleagues like you are absolutely vital to the work we do. You play a key role in helping us support excellence in medical imaging, interventional radiology and cancer treatment - both now and in the future. In contributing your time, expertise, and perspective, your involvement strengthens our impact and supports the delivery of safe, high-quality patient care, which sits at the heart of everything we do.

As a Contributor, you will help us deliver the College's strategic priorities, including providing excellent standards and guidance for the workforce, delivery of high-quality professional learning, and being recognised as the experts in our fields. Your insight and involvement help ensure that our specialties continue to grow in both strength and influence.

Many of our Contributors have told us they choose to give their time because they want to make a real difference to our specialties. And by getting involved, they've also found opportunities to build lasting professional networks and stay connected with peers across the UK and beyond. The same will be true for you.

We're proud to be a college that works in partnership with its members. Our Contributors bring energy, ideas, and commitment that shape our work and our future - and we are stronger because of it.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

With warm wishes,

**Dr Stephen Harden**

**President of The Royal College of Radiologists**

## 02 Role Summary

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| <b>Role title:</b>                    | Final FRCR Part B examiner        |
| <b>Exam</b>                           | Final FRCR Part B (CR2B) exam     |
| <b>Term Duration</b>                  | 5 years                           |
| <b>Closing date for applications:</b> | See <a href="#">RCR website</a> . |

### Why this role exists

RCR examiners are an integral part of ensuring that our exams achieve the highest professional standards. It is an immensely important and rewarding role, bringing with it the opportunity to network with other specialists and experts, not just from the UK, but from across the world. The College has a profound appreciation for all those who contribute their time to this role, and as we look to embed our new, improved exam format and expand our provision of the [CR2B exam](#), there has never been a more exciting time to apply.

### Your impact

Being an examiner at the Royal College of Radiologists offers a profound and rewarding professional experience that has a real impact on both the field of radiology and patient care.

Examiners are given the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from across the UK and around the world, with the process of developing exam questions not only enhancing one's own knowledge and critical thinking but also contributing to maintaining the high standards of education and practice.

Examiners ensure UK and global candidates have gold-standard exam content that supports future radiologists' competence, benefiting not only the next generation of radiologists but the wider healthcare system.

## 03 Key responsibilities and requirements

All examiners deliver and score the oral exams and mark the short case and long case reporting elements. The CR2B examiner role features a focused training pathway, enabling newly appointed examiners to progress through the different elements of the exam, whilst being guided and supported by their experienced colleagues.

As a starting point, all examiners must have a working understanding of the requirements of the UK Radiology Curriculum and be comfortable examining cases which resident radiologists would be exposed to in their first three years of training.

### New examiner training pathway:

**Stage 1:** New examiners will join working groups led by Vice Chairs, focusing on exam content, including reviewing and selecting cases, agreeing marking criteria, and standard setting. They will also begin generating content for review by the wider examining group. They will receive guidance on how to submit cases, supported by their peers and by RCR staff.

**Stage 2:** After having contributed to working groups and begun to formulate exam-focused content, new examiners will next be given the opportunity to mark written components with supervision and feedback.

**Stage 3:** Having gained grounding in the areas of content and marking, new examiners will then be able to gain experience of oral marking in a supportive way. This includes being able to assess candidate performance, discuss and compare their views and the marks they would have given the candidate with more senior examiners.

**Stage 4:** Having gained the requisite experience, and been supported by their colleagues, examiners at this stage will be able to contribute across all areas of the FRCR 2B exam.

| Knowledge, qualifications and experience  | Essential (E) or Desirable (D) |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Applicants must be Fellows of the RCR by examination in good standing.  | E                              |
| Practice within an approved UK training programme and be actively involved in training.   | E                              |
| Demonstrate a strong knowledge of and commitment to equality and diversity.   | D                              |
| Skills and abilities  |                                |
| A commitment to abide by the <a href="#">Contributor Code of Conduct</a> .  | E                              |
| Be prepared to participate in induction, training, examiner appraisal and ongoing upskilling activities.  | E                              |
| Be able to devote time to: exam content generation, standard setting, preparing for examining, assessing candidates, and other exam-related business. | E                              |

## Other Requirements

- Examiners should have held a substantive consultant radiologist position for at least five years or have retired and returned.
- Acute CT and plain film reporting must be a feature of examiners' current job plans.
- Examiners should have a solid understanding of the UK radiology curriculum and training pathway and be actively involved in local training.
- Examiners should be able to demonstrate involvement in the teaching, training and assessment of trainees, evidenced by participating in teaching programmes (educational and clinical supervision, tutorials and assessment).
- Applications must be supported by a statement from the local training programme director (TPD), Head of School (HoS), Department head or equivalent who will be contacted by the RCR. Applications without TPD/HoS support will not be considered.
- Examiners must demonstrate excellent written and oral communication skills in English, which will be further assessed in a short interview.
- High levels of integrity, professionalism, and fairness in making judgements in an exam setting are essential.



## 04 Commitment and conditions

Examiners are expected to contribute between five and ten days per year to exam-related activities, with a commitment closer to ten days annually during the first two years of training. You will need to make appropriate arrangements to ensure availability, including freeing time from clinical, academic, managerial, or other responsibilities.

CR2B exams run across four sittings per year: typically, January, March, June and October, and time is also required for familiarisation with exam materials ahead of each sitting. Examiners are expected to all take part in exam content development working group sessions and content standard setting. Often these activities take place outside of the exam sittings.

The examiner role benefits from an extensive support network. This includes the CR2B Chair and Vice-Chairs, and a range of Exams Office staff, supporting the administration and strategic planning of all RCR Exams activity.

Travel for exam delivery, meetings and training, will be required. Travel and accommodation costs are covered in accordance with our [published policy](#).

## 05 Support and benefits of the role

The RCR will offer you strong support, ensuring that you are informed, feel valued, and are equipped to fulfil your role.

This includes:

- information and administrative support provided by an RCR staff contact
- regular engagement opportunities with RCR staff and fellow Contributors,
- RCR's Contributor Officer, providing high-level support for all Contributors,
- the opportunity to attend induction sessions, providing you with all relevant information to fulfil your role effectively,
- the [Contributor Code of Conduct](#) and [Contributor Handbook](#), which provide reassurance around our expectations of conduct and personal integrity.

### Benefits of the role



Networking with a diverse community of Fellows and experts



Clear progression pathways to more in-depth roles



Wide variety of roles tailored to individual interests



Opportunities to advance Clinical Radiology and Oncology and improve patient care



CPD points available for many roles



Dedicated staff contact for personalised support

# 06 Application process

## How to apply

Please complete the online application on the [RCR website](#). If a conversation about the scope of the examiner role would be valuable, please contact Dr Mary Roddie, CR2B Chair, at [mary\\_roddie@rcr.ac.uk](mailto:mary_roddie@rcr.ac.uk) or Amelia Wardley, Examiner Support and Engagement Co-Ordinator, at [amelia.wardley@rcr.ac.uk](mailto:amelia.wardley@rcr.ac.uk)

## Our commitment to Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

We are committed to actively fostering an inclusive culture at the RCR. We uphold a commitment to building a Contributor group that reflects the diversity of our global community, and therefore we actively welcome applications from individuals from under-represented groups and diverse backgrounds. We are also dedicated to making reasonable adjustments, for example, offering documents in alternative formats to accommodate neurodiversity. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the Contributor Officer: [contributors@rcr.ac.uk](mailto:contributors@rcr.ac.uk)

## Important information for Contributors

- We encourage you to explore the [Contributor Code of Conduct](#) and [Contributor Handbook](#).
- We request that all applicants complete our [EDI Monitoring Form](#). The information you provide anonymously will help us to understand how our Contributor group represents a diverse range of experience, views and backgrounds. Please complete the form by clicking this link: [EDI Monitoring Form for Applicants to Contributor Roles](#)
- All data will be handled in accordance with our data protection policy and membership privacy notice.
- Please note that you may be required to complete a 'Declaration of conflict of interest' form.



***“It’s a great network of colleagues and individuals who share similar interests in education and training.”***

***“One of the best things I do! Great group of colleagues.”***

***“An opportunity to work with some inspirational individuals & learn a lot about our specialty.”***

***“I found it interesting, personally developmental and hugely collaborative.”***

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