

Final Examination for the Fellowship (Part B)

Application Process for Overseas Trained Candidates for the UK Examination

The purpose of the FRCR examination is to provide a national assessment mechanism for those undergoing formal specialist training in clinical radiology in the UK. It is appreciated that other radiologists may wish to obtain the qualification for their own purposes and the numbers doing so has increased significantly over recent years. The College is keenly aware of the global demand for the FRCR qualification and is currently working on a project which will offer the scope to deliver examinations in multiple locations.

Currently, in order to preserve and safeguard the quality, consistency and fairness of the examination, it is necessary to put a cap on the number of candidates who can be examined at a single sitting. The maximum number of candidates that can be accommodated in the College's London building is at 264 each sitting.

Automatic Entry Candidates

Prior to each application closing date, ONLY applications from candidates who are currently undergoing formal specialist training leading to the award of a CCT (holding an NTN) or who are currently working for the NHS in radiology in the UK (non NTN holders) will be accepted and formally processed.

The Rolling Application List

Applications from all overseas trained candidates are put into a ballot and an application number on the new rolling application list allocated. It was hoped that adopting this new 'rolling' system - which is a hybrid of the College's "first come first served" and "ballot" approaches – would provide overseas trained candidates with a better idea of when they will be likely to access the examination.

Prior to the Spring 2017 examination sitting, there are currently 754 applicants on the rolling application list. Once the examination has been held, all rolling applicants who actually attended the examination will be removed from the list along with the successful candidates from the Joint FRCR Part B Examination in Singapore.

The Process

Applications to go on the rolling application list will be accepted from overseas candidates between **Monday 5 June – Friday 23 June 2017**. Applications submitted after this date WILL NOT be considered. Candidates MUST email their applications to Sharon Dinsdale, Senior Examinations Administrator (sharon_dinsdale@rcr.ac.uk). All queries should also be directed to Sharon via email or by telephone (0207 406 5958).

Candidates who have yet to make an attempt at the examination MUST accompany their application with a letter from their training supervisor to confirm that they meet the entry requirements of 34 months of clinical radiology training. An email will be sent confirming receipt of application.

All applications received between the dates specified will be entered into a ballot and allocated with a number on the rolling application list. An email will be sent confirming this information and when it is likely they will be offered a place in the UK examination.

After the examination closing date (4pm on Friday 4 August 2017), the number of places available to those on the list can be confirmed and an email offering a place in the examination sent. If, for example, 100 places are available in the examination after the automatic entry candidates have been processed, those overseas trained candidates with numbers 1-100 will be contacted and offered a place. In the week following the closing date, if places are not accepted, they will be offered to people next on the list until ALL places are filled. Once

all places have been accepted, payment will be taken and all relevant examination paperwork despatched by email as soon as it is available.

Should all places offered to those numbered 1-100 be accepted, the applicant who is 101 on the list will move up to the top of the list for the next sitting and thus a rolling process will begin. If you are a new applicant or are an unsuccessful candidate from a previous examination, you **MUST** submit a new application form which when balloted will automatically go to the end of the list. No reballoting of those already on the list will take place. Whilst the number of UK applicants who apply at each sitting cannot be guaranteed, it is reasonable to assume that those within a certain range will be taking the examination at the next sitting and make arrangements as they see fit.

Examination Place Offers

Candidates should be aware that when advised of the potential sitting at which a place in the examination can be offered, this is based purely on their rolling list number and the average number of places we can usually offer at a given sitting. What this does not take into account are the sometimes large number of candidates who when offered a place, are unable to accept it. When this happens, examination places will keep being offered in strict list number order until the examination is full. As a result of this, candidates could be offered a place in the examination earlier than the initial sitting mentioned and should be prepared for this to happen.