

ANNOUNCEMENT TO CANDIDATES

July 2012

Intercollegiate Membership Examination of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain and Ireland: Part B (OSCE), Part B (Oral, Clinical and Communications Skills) and Part 2 DO-HNS for the award of MRCS (ENT) Examinations

Harmonisation of Regulations regarding number of attempts permitted

- Candidates who have successfully completed Part A, and candidates who have successfully completed the Parts 1 & 2 and are still within 3.5 years from their first attempt at Part 2, are permitted to enter either the MRCS Part B (OSCE), the MRCS Part B (OCC) or the Part 2 DO-HNS for the award of MRCS (ENT).
- Candidates are allowed up to four attempts at the MRCS Part B (OSCE).
- Candidates are allowed up to six attempts at the MRCS Part B (OCC).
- Candidates are allowed up to four attempts at the DOHNS Part 2 for the award of MRCS (ENT).
- An attempt is defined as an occasion when a candidate commences, but not necessarily completes, the Part B (OSCE), Part 2 DO-HNS for the award of MRCS (ENT) or a component of the MRCS Part B (OCC) i.e. submission of an entry form is not an attempt.

As of March 2012:

- Candidates may move from the Part B (OCC) to the Part B (OSCE) and from the Part B (OSCE) to the Part B (OCC).
- Candidates may move from the Part B (OSCE) to the Part B (OCC) and back to the Part B (OSCE).
- Candidates who transfer from the Part B (OCC) to the Part B (OSCE) may subsequently transfer back to the Part B (OCC) BUT they will be allowed a combined total of FOUR attempts at the MRCS Part B (OSCE) or the MRCS Part B (OCC).
- An attempt at the DO-HNS Part 2 for the award of MRCS (ENT) will also count towards the maximum number of four attempts.

Example:

Candidate takes Part B (OCC) Oral examination and fails	= Attempt 1
Candidate retakes Part B (OCC) Oral examination and fails	= Attempt 2
Candidate takes Part B (OSCE) and fails	= Attempt 3
Candidate takes DO-HNS Part 2 for the award of MRCS (ENT) and fails	= Attempt 4

NO FURTHER ATTEMPTS AT THE MRCS [OSCE or OCC or DO-HNS Part 2 for the award of MRCS (ENT)] WILL BE ALLOWED.

*Note for MRCS Part B (OCC) Candidates:
In transferring to the Part B OSCE or MRCS (ENT) the candidate has surrendered their right to 6 attempts at the Part B (OCC).*

- A candidate who starts on the Part B (OCC) and stays on that route stays on 6 attempts. For the definition of an attempt please refer to: http://www.intercollegiatemrcs.org.uk/outside-uk/pdf/yellow_six_attempt_rule.pdf
- Failure to complete the MRCS Examination within the specified number of attempts debars a candidate from applying for any component/ part of the MRCS examination i.e. Part B (OCC), Part B (OSCE) or Part 2 DO-HNS for the award of MRCS (ENT).
- Candidates who have taken four or more attempts at the Part B (OCC) are not eligible to apply to sit the Part B (OSCE) or DOHNS Part 2 for the award of MRCS (ENT)
- Candidates who have taken a combined total of four or more attempts at the MRCS Part B (OSCE) or the MRCS Part B (OCC) are not eligible to sit the Part B (OSCE) or DOHNS Part 2 for the award of MRCS (ENT).
- Candidates who are 'out of time' in the MRCS (previous MRCS Regulations dated January 2006, revised April 2009) are not eligible to apply to sit the Part B (OCC), the DOHNS Part 2 for the award of MRCS (ENT) or the Part B (OSCE) subject to Section 4.4 of the Intercollegiate MRCS Regulations dated July 2008 revised March 2012.

Candidate Attempts:

Candidate entitled to:

