

Announcement to candidates:
November 2010

Notice of end date of the Intercollegiate Membership Examination of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain and Ireland (MRCS) under the June 2006 Regulations (Revised April 2009) outside the UK

Candidates are asked to note the following:

Commencing with the diet to be held in January 2011, the Part 1 and Part 2 (MCQ) written papers detailed in the MRCS Regulations (dated June 2006 revised April 2009) will be replaced by Part A (MCQ) written paper. The final opportunity to sit the Part 1 and Part 2 (MCQ) papers is April 2011.

Candidates who **have not** passed both Part 1 *and* Part 2 (MCQ) papers by the conclusion of the April 2011 diet will be required to enter and pass Part A (MCQ) under MRCS Regulations dated January 2011 in order to progress. A previous pass in *either* Part 1 *or* Part 2 will not be taken into account in the award of Part A (MCQ).

Candidates who **have** passed both Part 1 and Part 2 by the conclusion of the April 2011 diet, who are not time-expired and have **not** achieved a pass in any component of the Part 3 examination will also be required to progress to the next part of the MRCS under MRCS Regulations dated January 2011.

Candidates who have achieved a pass in any component of the Part 3 examination of the MRCS taken under the MRCS Regulations (dated June 2006 revised April 2009) by 31 December 2010 must continue under these MRCS Regulations (dated June 2006 revised April 2009).

In the MRCS Regulations dated January 2011 the Part 3 examination of the MRCS taken under the MRCS Regulations dated June 2006 revised April 2009 has been renamed Part B (oral, clinical and communications skills). The Part B (oral, clinical and communication skills) and Part 3 examinations will be identical. Candidates will be permitted a maximum of six attempts across all components of Part B (oral, clinical and communication skills).

Candidates who complete their MRCS under the MRCS Regulations (dated June 2006 revised April 2009) will continue to be subject to the time limitations contained within them.

The Part 3 examination conducted under the MRCS Regulations (dated June 2006 revised April 2009) will cease to be offered after 31 December 2013. Candidates who have not passed all three parts of the Part 3 examination by the conclusion of the final oral/clinical/communication skills diet to be held in 2013 will have no further opportunity to sit the examination and will be time-expired.