

Intercollegiate Committee for Basic Surgical Examinations (ICBSE)

Policy regarding checking candidates' MRCS Part A answer sheets

Background

Following exam diets of the MRCS Part A, candidates may contact the college with whom they sat the exam asking for their answers to be checked or remarked. The purpose of this policy is to outline the response that any of the four surgical royal colleges should give to candidates who request for their MRCS Part A answer sheets to be checked following an examination.

Policy

ICBSE do not check or re-mark the MRCS Part A as we are confident that our procedures, and those of Pearson Vue, are robust enough to be correct in the first instance. The results are then independently checked by an Educationalist and in the unlikely event of there being any discrepancies they are addressed at this stage.

The pass marks for the MRCS Part A are set once the exam has been sat. Any ambiguities in the question paper are identified through analysis of candidate responses and reference to candidate feedback and reviewed by an expert panel who are responsible for the quality control of the exam paper. If a question is found to be problematic, it is removed from the exam and will not affect a candidate's outcome.

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