

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Preparing for the examination**

#### ***How do I book my test centre?***

Candidates will receive an email from Pearson Vue on the **1 April 2022**. This email will instruct you on how to book a test centre using the Pearson Vue system.

Candidates will have 10 days from 1 April 2022 to book a centre. During this period you may change your test centre if you wish, subject to availability. If you do not book your centre by 10 April 2022, you will not be permitted to sit the examination.

Test centres are available globally and you do not need to book a centre in relation to the preferred location you selected when booking your MRCS Part A.

Space at test centres is subject to availability and offered on a first come first serve basis. As such, some candidates may not be able to book their preferred location. However, there are enough seats within a reasonable distance for all candidates to sit the examination.

#### ***Is there a mock or practice exam available?***

A practice exam is not available in advance of the examination day but all instructions will be provided when you arrive at the Pearson Vue test centre.

There is a tutorial at the beginning of your examination that provides detailed instructions on how to use the software.

#### ***I require a reasonable adjustment, how will this be accommodated?***

Reasonable adjustments must be confirmed with your College at the time of application. If you have already correctly registered your reasonable adjustment (for example; for visual impairment, dyslexia or other specific learning difficulties) these will be accounted for. Please contact your College if you require any clarification.

For candidates with additional time granted, you will be still be allowed an hour lunch break and be able to start your PoSG paper later than candidates sitting without additional time.

### **Examination Day**

#### ***What do I need to bring with me to the examination centre?***

Please refer to your test centre booking confirmation email for confirmation of what you must bring with you to access your exam.

Lockers will be provided to allow you to store your personal belongs, lunch etc. before entering the examination.

***What am I allowed to bring into the examination room?***

No personal or electronic items, pens, paper, food or water are permitted in the examination room.

Candidates requiring medicine, medical devices or mobility aids will be able to bring these into the examination without pre-approval. Please see the [Pearson VUE Comfort Aid List](#) for full details.

***What time should I arrive at the test centre?***

Candidates should arrive at least 30 minutes before the examination start time to allow for security and admission checks to be completed.

If you arrive more than 15 minutes after your examination start time, you will not be permitted entry to the examination.

***How will the exam be invigilated?***

Invigilation will be conducted by Pearson VUE staff on site. Standard exam hall rules apply (no talking, distracting other candidates etc.), however candidates are permitted to look away from the screen and take comfort breaks.

Full explanation of examination rules will be confirmed with you on the day of the examination.

***Do I need to wear a face mask or take other COVID precautions?***

Each Test Centre will be operating under local COVID guidelines. Please refer to the local authority of the centre you are due to sit your examination with.

***Dress Code***

There is no formal dress code for this examination. Candidates may wear comfortable clothing to attend the exam.

***What happens if I experience a technical problem during the exam?***

If you experience an issue during the exam you will need to raise your hand to alert an invigilator. They will resolve your issue accordingly - if any time is lost, this will be added to your remaining examination time as appropriate.

***What happens if I need to take a comfort break?***

If you need to take a comfort break, you will need to raise your hand to alert an invigilator and you will be escorted out of the examination room.

Whilst water is not allowed into the examination room, candidates may use a comfort break to have a drink from their locker. Please be aware that you will be supervised at all times.

Please note that your examination time will continue running whilst you are away from your exam station.

***How will I know how much time is remaining on the exam?***

Your remaining time will be displayed on screen at all times.

***Can I make notes during the examination?***

Every candidate will be provided with an erasable whiteboard and pen when they enter the examination. You can use this to note down your workings for calculations. No data from this whiteboard can be taken from the examination room at the end of the examination.

***Will a calculator be provided or permitted in the examination?***

Calculators are not permitted in this examination. If you need to work out calculations you can use the erasable whiteboard provided.

***How can I give feedback or raise concerns about particular questions in the exam?***

Feedback on questions will be recordable via an online survey which will be emailed to you by your college in the days following the exam.