

The Intercollegiate Committee for Basic Surgical Examinations have agreed a programme of fee concessions for refugee doctors appearing in the MRCS and DO-HNS.

With immediate effect the following concessions are available:

Exam	Concession	Eligibility
MRCS Part A & DO-HNS Part 1	<p>First two attempts free</p> <p>Any further attempts will be at 50% of the full fee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognised as a refugee under the 1951 United Nations Convention and granted limited leave (5 years) • granted exceptional leave to remain (granted prior to 1 April 2003) • granted humanitarian protection • granted other leave

In order to apply for a concession, at the time of application for each examination, candidates must submit an original or certified copy of the letter from the Home Office Border and Immigration Agency (United Kingdom) or the Department of Justice and Equality (Republic of Ireland) confirming current immigration status within the United Kingdom or Ireland.

These concessions are available for attempts made at any of the Surgical Royal Colleges and candidates may sit the examination with the College of their choice. The concessions above limit the number of attempts at the free or reduced rate across all four Colleges combined.

There are no fee concessions available for MRCS Part B (OSCE) or DO-HNS Part 2 (OSCE) Examination.

Please note: - Candidates who withdraw from the examination before the closing date will receive a refund if a fee has been paid (less an administrative fee of 20%). If no fee has been paid no refund will be made. In both instances no attempt will be registered and candidates will be required to reapply. If a candidate withdraws after the closing date they will either not receive a refund or forfeit a free attempt.

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