



Intercollegiate MRCS

Part A Pearson Vue Familiarisation Webinar

Overview



- Why Pearson Vue?
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Why Pearson Vue



- Retains the advantages of online delivery
- Same experience for all candidates
- Local exam centre - 5,000 worldwide
- Used for FRCS and other Royal Colleges



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Booking your exam

Booking timeline



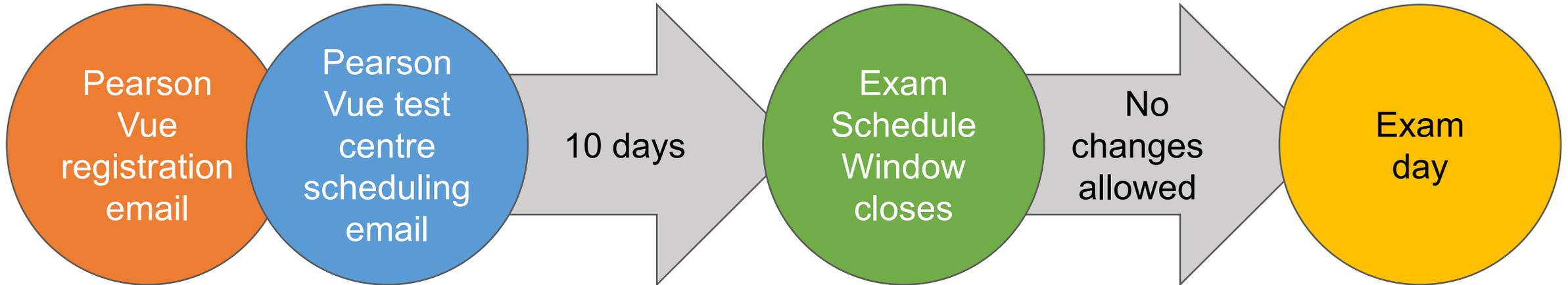
1 April 2022



10 April 2022



10 May 2022



Booking your test centre



- Receive email from Pearson Vue on **1 April** to **set up your account**
- Receive a second email saying you are **authorised to book your seat** (this will include a link to book your seat)
- **10 days** to book your seat at your nearest test centre
- You must book by **10 April** or else you will not be able to sit and **no refund** will be permitted
- Seats are assigned on a first-come-first served basis
- Reasonable adjustments will be displayed if you have requested them
- **You will receive an email confirming your booking**

The booking website



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Candidate
ID: DEMOABLE1001

Dashboard

Sign out

Language
English

Dashboard

You have successfully created a web profile.

Schedule an exam

Exam catalog

View exams **Click here**

Do you have a private access code?
[What is this?](#)

My Account

- > [My Profile](#)
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View an upcoming test center appointment

You do not have any appointments scheduled.

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The booking website

Find a test center

VUE-OP: VUE OP test

3 Bala Plaza West, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, 19004, United States

Search

You can select up to three test centers to compare availability.

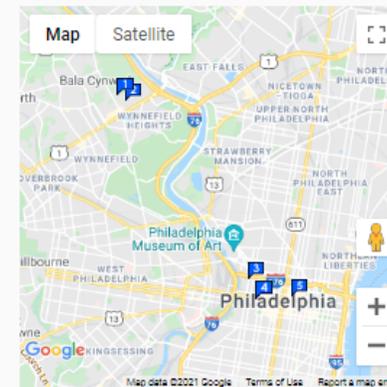
Helpful hints:

- The test center information link may provide directions, parking, wheelchair support or other physical access considerations.
- Distance (mi/km) is a straight line calculated from the center point of your search criteria and does not reflect driving distance.

Once you have selected MRCS Part A, you will be shown your nearest centres based on the address you gave when you applied.

You can search for other centres near to you using the search bar at the top.

Test Center	Distance
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<input type="checkbox"/> Berkeley Computer Training 2 Bala Plaza Suite 405 Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania 19004 United States Test Center Information	0.2 mi
<input type="checkbox"/> Career Vision 1617 JFK Blvd Suite 1780 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 United States Test Center Information	4.3 mi



Next

The booking website



You are booked!

Order #: 0000-1146-6078

An email confirmation has been sent to: testing@gmail.com

[Return to Dashboard](#)

Description

Exam

VUE-OP: VUE OP test

Language: English

Exam Length: 60 minutes

Details

Appointment

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Start time: 12:30 PM CDT

Location

Berkeley Computer Training

[Test Center Information](#)

Order Information

Order Number/Invoice

0000-1146-6078

Registration ID

210474459

Status

Scheduled

[VUE Testing Policies](#)

[Admission Policy](#)

Once you have booked, you will receive a message confirming you have booked. A copy of this message will also be emailed to you.

If you have trouble booking



- Contact **Pearson Vue** via the website or phone
- Colleges are unable to access the PV system and will not be able to help
- Only contact your College if you have not received a booking email by the end of the day on 1st April

Rescheduling your exam

‘Rescheduling’



- **Rescheduling** means changing the location of your test centre
- There are no options to change the date or time
- You can change your test centre (‘reschedule’) at any point during the 10-day schedule window
- You **cannot** change your test centre after the booking window has closed on 10 April
- Bookings with reasonable adjustments can only be changed via phone



On the day of the exam

On the day



- Arrive at your centre **30 minutes** before your exam start time
- If you arrive more than **15 minutes late**, you will not be able to sit
- Complete a number of security and admissions checks

Security checks



- Read and agree to testing rules
- Complete ID checks
- All belongings must be stored in a locker – including phones, tablets, books, watches
- Invigilator will check you for belongings before you enter the testing room – including behind your ears, pocket check and glasses check
- Escorted to your booth which is equipped with video and audio recording

The exam itself



- **Applied Basic Sciences (ABS)** paper – 3 hours
- 1 hour break
 - You can leave the test room / centre
 - You must complete ID checks again to re-enter
- **Principles of Surgery in General (PoSG)** paper – 2 hours
- You may leave when you have finished
- No results available on the day

Breaks and accommodations



- If you need to take an unscheduled break to use the bathroom, **time will keep running**. You may be required to show your ID again to re-enter.
- Pearson Vue will have been informed of any accommodations (reasonable adjustments) you have requested, including extra time. Reasonable adjustment requests would have been approved by your College during the examination booking and communicated to Pearson Vue.

The exam itself



- Exam completed at a computer using only a mouse
- You will be given an erasable whiteboard and pen to do any calculations
- No calculators allowed
- There will be a short tutorial before the exam begins – this is not counted as part of your testing time
- Questions are **randomised** for all candidates

The exam screen

Demo Exam - Candidate Name

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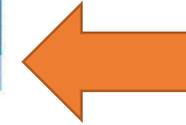
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A 67-year-old man is admitted to hospital for investigation of an irregular heartbeat. The 'conducting system' of the heart includes which one of the following anatomical structures?

- A. Atrioventricular node
- B. Chordae tendineae
- C. Fibrous skeleton of the heart
- D. Interatrial septum
- E. Phrenic nerve

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Question number (of total)
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Question navigation

The exam screen

Demo Exam - Candidate Name

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A 63-year-old woman presents to her General Practitioner with a three-week history of back pain. She has lost 8 cm in height over the last four years. Investigations reveal:

	Result	Normal
Adjusted (corrected) calcium	2.05 mmol/L	2.15-2.55
Phosphate	0.89 mmol/L	0.6-1.25
Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)	92 ml/minute	>90
Parathyroid hormone (PTH)	9.8 pmol/L	1.0-6.5

Which of the following is the most likely cause?

- A. Hypoparathyroidism
- B. Primary hyperparathyroidism
- C. Pseudohypoparathyroidism
- D. Secondary hyperparathyroidism
- E. Tertiary hyperparathyroidism



Common Questions

Common questions



- **Can I see a list of my nearest PV centres ahead of the test centre schedule window?**

Pearson Vue cannot provide this – each list is unique to each exam provider and the exact capacity of each centre is being finalised up to the opening of the schedule window. Candidate location details have been provided to Pearson Vue and these are taken into account when planning which centres are available.

- **Can I cancel my exam after the 10-day schedule window?**

If you cancel your exam after the 10-day window, you will need to contact both the College to whom you applied and Pearson Vue. You will not be able to reschedule after the 10-day window. If you cancel, you will not be able to sit the exam and you will not receive a refund of your exam fee as per ICBSE regulations.

Common questions



- **What happens if I miss the 10-day schedule window?**

If you fail to log in and book during the 10-day window, you will not be able to sit, and you will forfeit your exam fee.

- **What happens if I don't turn up?**

If you don't turn up to your exam, you will again forfeit your exam fee as per ICBSE regulations.