

Joint Surgical Colleges Fellowship Examination

Neurosurgery

Examination Regulations

2015

Prospective applicants should note that a pass in an MRCS examination is now mandatory for all new applicants. All other entry criteria are unchanged. Please also refer to the updated Guidance Notes for Applicants which outline the options available to candidates who gain eligibility to proceed to Section 2 following success in Section 1.

1. Applicants must be six years medically qualified
2. Applicants must have passed the MRCS examination of one of the four Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain and Ireland.
3. Applicants must have successfully completed a locally recognised surgical training programme and are required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of a recognised specialist (day one NHS UK/Ireland consultant standard) in the generality of Neurosurgery
4. This evidence must consist of three structured references as follows:
 - The principal referee must be the applicant's current Head of Department or Head of the Recognised Training Committee/Programme in which the applicant has participated
 - The second referee must be a senior clinician who has worked with the applicant and has knowledge of the applicant's work in his/her specialty within the last two years
 - The third referee must be a senior clinician who has worked with the applicant and has knowledge of the applicant's work in his/her specialty within the last two years
5. The final decision on eligibility for admission to the examination will lie with the Intercollegiate Specialty Board in Neurosurgery
6. Examination Attempts
Candidates will have up to a maximum of 7 years to complete the examination process as follows:
Section 1: Candidates will have a maximum of 4 attempts with no re-entry
Section 2: Candidates will have a maximum of 4 attempts with no re-entry

Candidates will have a maximum of 4 attempts in totality at each Section across both the Intercollegiate Specialty Examinations and the Joint Surgical Colleges Fellowship Examinations i.e. the total of 4 attempts applies to the Intercollegiate Specialty Examinations and the Joint Surgical Colleges Fellowship Examinations alone or any combination of the two.

All previous Regulations will be rescinded.

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