

Joint Surgical Colleges Fellowship Examination

25 February 2025

Dear Candidate,

Important Update: Closure of JSCFE Examination by December 2026

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding the JSCFE examination. The JSCFE examination will officially close in **December 2026**, and no further examination diets will be held beyond this date. If you wish to complete the examination, we strongly encourage you to plan accordingly and ensure that you are able to sit the required assessments before the closure.

Additionally, due to logistical and operational constraints, all future **JSCFE Section 2 examinations will now be held exclusively in the UK** and will no longer be conducted internationally. We understand that this change may be disappointing, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience it may cause.

To assist you in understanding how these changes may affect you and to address any concerns, please refer to the following **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**:

- Why has the JSCFE Section 2 examination moved to the UK only?**
 - Due to logistical and operational challenges, we are no longer able to conduct Section 2 of the examination internationally. This decision ensures the consistency, quality, and integrity of the examination process.
- Will there be any exceptions for candidates outside the UK?**
 - No, all candidates will need to travel to the UK to sit Section 2 of the examination.
- Where in the UK will the examinations be held?**
 - Exam locations will be confirmed for each diet, and details will be provided upon application. Further details will be available on our website: [JSCFE Examination Calendar](#).

As you will see from the calendar, the closing date for the 2025 Section 2 examinations has now passed. In light of the above information, if you would now like to sit in 2025, please email enquires@jscfe.co.uk by 5pm (UK Time) on Thursday 6 March 2025 and we will try our best to accommodate you, subject to availability. Remaining places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- Will additional examination dates be introduced to accommodate international candidates?**
 - The scheduling of examination diets will be reviewed periodically, but at this stage, no additional sittings have been planned.

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5. **Are there any travel or visa support services available for international candidates?**
 - While JSCFE does not provide visa or travel assistance, we recommend candidates check the UK visa requirements well in advance and make necessary arrangements.
 - The JSCFE can provide a letter confirming your registration to support a visa application. Please contact [JSCFE Enquiries](#) for assistance.
6. **Will the format or content of the examination change due to this relocation?**
 - No, the JSCFE Section 2 examination format, syllabus, and requirements remain unchanged.
7. **Can I request a refund or defer my exam due to the location change?**
 - Please refer to the [Examination Fees and Penalties Policy](#) for further details.
8. **What if I choose not to sit Section 2? Will I receive any certification?**
 - Candidates who do not complete Section 2 of the JSCFE examination may be eligible to receive a **Certificate in [Specialty] Surgical Sciences** in recognition of their achievement in Section 1. Please contact [JSCFE Enquiries](#) for further details.
9. **When will the JSCFE Section 2 examination cease to run?**
 - Candidates are encouraged to complete Section 2 as soon as possible, as no further diets will be held beyond **December 2026**.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this transition. If you have any further questions or require additional support, please do not hesitate to contact us at [JSCFE Enquiries](#).

Please also see the links to the JCIE website, where you can review the current Regulations and Entry Criteria for [JCIE](#) and [JSCFE](#) examinations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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