

Appendix L - Temporary derogation to RCPCH regulations and rules for MRCPCH and DCH examinations: 2021



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Regulations and rules for MRCPCH and DCH examinations

Examination rules

Conduct of the examinations

should the invigilator deem that there is evidence of a candidate attempting to copy or share any RCPCH examination content electronically or otherwise.

should the invigilator or examiner deem that there is evidence of a candidate behaving in a dishonest manner.

Currency of MRCPCH examination

Appendix E - Currency and number of attempts in MRCPCH examinations

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all eligible candidates received an automatic 12-month extension to their seven-year registration period, as long as that period had begun (i.e. that a candidate has passed all of their theory exams).

Eligible MRCPCH Clinical examination candidates who have not been able to secure a place to sit their examinations and are waitlisted will automatically receive a one diet extension to their 7 years in order to ensure that they are not disadvantaged.

For UK trainees, any examinations taken between 1 September and 31 December 2020 were not counted towards their total number of attempts for that examination. This derogation was applicable to the September AKP, October FOP/TAS and November MRCPCH Clinical examinations being held in 2020.

General information - MRCPCH / DCH theory examinations

Entry to the examination test centre

Due to social distancing requirements in place to ensure candidate safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, RCPCH test centres will be implementing a range of measures. This includes the mandatory wearing of masks and ID checks being undertaken in separate rooms. In some test centres, candidates may be required to undertake a temperature check. Details of social distancing measures being undertaken by test centres for theory examinations.

Candidates will not be allowed to participate in the examination unless they have valid ID with them.

Appendix B - Process for cases of suspected malpractice in college examinations v 2.2

Process for managing allegations of candidate malpractice in RCPCH examinations

or dishonestly

With changes being made to the methods in which examinations are delivered within remote/online platforms candidates, invigilators and examiners are required to note the following examples.

For online invigilated theory examinations, the mobile phone being used as the secondary recording device is permitted. For online MRCPCH/DCH Clinical exams, the mobile device used to show admissions documents and to maintain contact with the Exams team is permitted.

Candidates taking their theory or clinical examination through online/remote delivery methods will be asked to produce their admissions document and identification and to display this so that it can be viewed through their web camera on their laptop or PC; this is acceptable in both paper and on screen / electronic format (presented on phone or notebook).

Late arrival:

Theory Examinations

If a candidate has not completed their sign in, environment check/room set-up, and system checks, following the guidance requirements for online invigilated theory exams before their scheduled examination start time they may not be permitted to sit their examination. Candidates who are late in completion of the above will only be permitted to take their exam at the sole discretion of the RCPCH.

The examination start time will not be delayed for latecomers and those arriving late must also have their ID checked and complete the exam setup before they can commence the examination. RCPCH theory examination candidates who arrive after the start of the examination will not be admitted once the exam has begun.

For theory examinations the time that the candidate registers and submits their PIN code will be recorded.

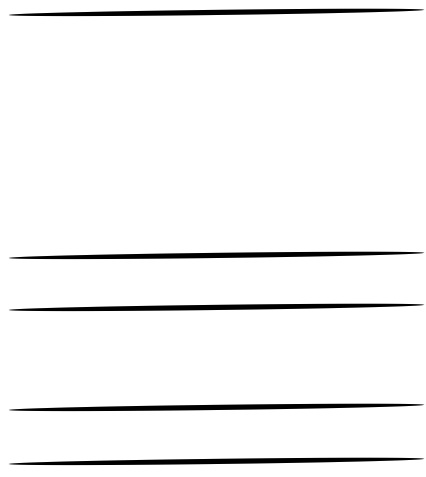
Clinical Examinations

If a candidate has not undertaken an environment check/room set-up, and system check, following the guidance requirements for remote clinical exams, as well as attended the pre-circuit candidate briefing, before their scheduled

examination. If you are planning on using an electronic version of your admissions document this must be presented on the secondary recording device only.

If you have any additional electronic devices on your person these must be securely locked away / kept securely with your other belongings in another room outside and away from your workstation. If you are found to have any banned electronic devices in your possession during the examination this may lead to your disqualification from the examination. Candidates must ensure that any/all other electronic devices other than those being used as a secondary recording device for theory exam online invigilation are switched off as to not create a distraction to you during your examination.

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