Theory exams - upcoming exam dates and when to apply

Theory & Standards team

We have three diets each year for all three theory exams, FOP, TAS and AKP. These take place across the UK and in countries around the world. This page has dates and countries of upcoming theory exams, and the application periods for each, and is regularly updated.

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FOP/TAS 2025.1

Exam date: Wednesday 19 February 2025

Applications open: From Monday 2 December 2024 (09:30 UK time), depending on location

- Kuwait Salm iya
- Oman Muscat
- **Qatar -** Doha
- KSA Dammam, Jeddah, Riyadh
- UAE Abu Dhabi, Dubai
- India Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi, Trivandrum
- Pakistan Islam abad, Karachi, Lahore, Multan
- Sri Lanka Colom bo
- Malaysia Kuala Lumpur, Kuching
- Singapore Singapore
- Trinidad & Tobago Champs Fleurs

AKP 2025.2

Exam date: Wednesday 21 May 2025

Applications open: From Monday 10 March 2025 (09:30 UK time)

Applications close (online invigilation): Friday 14 March (16:00 UK time)

Applications close (test centres): Monday 17 March (16:00 UK time)

FOP/TAS 2025.2

Exam date: Wednesday 25 June 2025

Applications open: From Monday 7 April 2025 (09:30 UK time)

Applications close (online invigilation): Friday 11 April 2025 (16:00 UK time)

Applications close (test centres): Monday 14 April 2025 (16:00 UK time)

AKP 2025.3

Exam date: Wednesday 17 September 2025

Applications open: From Monday 7 July 2025 (09:30 UK time)

Applications close (online invigilation): Friday 11 July 2025 (16:00 UK time)

Applications close (test centres): Monday 14 July 2025 (16:00 UK time)

FOP/TAS 2025.3

Exam date: Tuesday 14 October 2025

Applications open: From Monday 11 August 2025 (09:30 UK time)

Applications close (online invigilation): Friday 14 August 2025 (16:00 UK time)

Applications close (test centres): Monday 18 August 2025 (16:00 UK time)

Note on India, Malaysia and Middle East centres

Due to post-pandemic cancellations and delays, there is a higher demand than usual for MRCPCH Clinical exam in these locations. Consider this when applying for theory exams in these locations, particularly where there is no MRCPCH Clinical exam centre.

Upcoming or recent exams - applications closed

AKP 2025.1

AKP 2024.2

- Exam date: Wednesday 22 May 2024
- Applications closed: 8/14 March 2024

FOP/TAS 2024.1

- Exam date: Wednesday 21February 2024
- Applications closed: