

the mrcp
guide

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FAQs



When can you sit MRCP(UK) Part 1?

Guidelines set out by the Royal College of Physicians stipulates that every candidate wanting to sit for the exam must hold a medical qualification recognised by the Royal Colleges of Physicians. Candidates will not be admitted to the exam before the expiry of 18 months from the date of graduation given on their diploma of medical qualification. It is assumed that all candidates will have spent six months as a house physician or in another post involving the care of emergency medical patients, either adults or children.

What exam date should I go for?

You should ideally select an examination date preferably 3 - 6 months away depending on how your current work schedule. By committing to an exam date, paying for it, you have a measurable goal which you can work towards.

Is there a syllabus?

Yes, and it's published on the MRCP official website.

Is there any point in group discussion?

By working in groups, ideas and problems are shared, problem questions are discussed. In preparing for the exam, many candidates do become stressed as they have to often cope with outside factors such as busy work schedules.

Forums and are a good mechanism to channel positive motivation and learning (see for example <http://forum.lawandmedicine.org.uk>). Why not try a forum and you might meet other students who have the same questions as you?

Is it worth practicing an exam?

Yes – very much so. Time yourself doing an exam. The best way to simulate actual exam conditions is to do under time constraints. There is a mock Part 1 exam generator on the Law and Medicine website, for example.

Can I attend more than one course?

Yes of course!

Are there past papers for the Best of Five MCQ papers?

No. However, education providers such as OnExamination.com and PASTEST provide a huge range of best-of-five material which you can practice without limits (apart from the limit of your paid subscription).

Are there mock scenarios available for MRCP(UK) practice?

Yes. There is a large, increasing, range of unofficial specimen material on the Law and Medicine site for MRCP which you may find useful (<http://www.lawandmedicine.org.uk>).

How do I apply for the exam?

See the official MRCP(UK) official site.

Can one have unlimited attempts at PACES?

Yes, in principle. However, if you fail PACES three times, you must re-sit the MRCP Part 2 written exam. As you will know, you can only progress to a stage of the MRCP(UK) exam having successfully passed the previous step.