

Responsibilities and Duties of Examiners

MRCP(UK) Part 2 Clinical Examination (PACES)

MRCP(UK) PACES is an integral part of the assessment of the knowledge, skills and attitudes of all physicians in training in the UK. As such, the examination is open to scrutiny by the GMC and must comply with its Standards. The Duties and Responsibilities outlined herein are essential to ensure that PACES and its examiners maintain the highest standards.

1. Professional Standing

Examiners must:

Be on the GMC specialist register and hold a licence to practise (or local equivalent when an examiner is not UK based)

Be a Fellow or Collegiate Member of one of the UK Colleges of Physicians. Collegiate Members must have achieved the Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) at least two years prior to applying, and be in a substantive consultant post. Physicians who are resident outside the UK and who wish to examine in the UK must hold Fellowship of one of the UK Colleges of Physicians

Inform the PACES lead of their Sponsoring College of any restrictions on their licence to practise in any country in which they have worked

Complete an annual declaration that they continue to meet the criteria for Examiners as defined by MRCP(UK)

2. Examining Commitment

Examiners must:

Meet, and maintain adherence to, the examiner criteria

Commit to examine at least 6 cycles (30 candidates) per annum (averaged over 2 years), i.e. a minimum of 2/3 days examining per year

Refresh their examiner training if unable to take part in the requisite number of cycles over 2 years

3. Quality Assurance

Examiners must agree to:

The collection of data on their performance, and be prepared to receive feedback on that performance

Participate in such additional and update training as specified by the Colleges and the MRCP(UK) Clinical Examining Board especially when any change in PACES methodology is planned

4. Probity

Examiners must be familiar with and adhere to the guidance within the MRCP(UK) Code of Conduct for PACES Examiners, including:

Assessing every candidate equally and fairly, without bias or prejudice

Ensuring that the confidentiality of candidate information, examination results and materials is respected at all times

Informing their Sponsoring College of any potential conflicts of interest

Responding in an open and timely manner to requests for comments on appeals and complaints

Examiners are NOT permitted to take part in or be involved in commercially run courses related to PACES