

International PACES Examining as a UK PACES examiner Ambassador for RCPE

At the core of this system is an effort to recognise examiner involvement in the PACES exam delivery. Admission to the RCPE international PACES examiner list will be reviewed once a year. We try to ensure that all eligible examiners, with appropriate availability, have the opportunity to examine PACES internationally at least once a year in a calendar year.

Eligibility Criteria

- A Fellow or Collegiate Member of RCPE in good standing.
- Fully compliant with all PACES Examiner Criteria.
- Examined a minimum of 4 cycles of UK PACES within 12 months prior to the recruitment diet and a minimum of 6 cycles within two years*.
- Examined at least 12 cycles of PACES overall.
- Work in the UK or have been retired from UK clinical practice for not longer than 2 years.

**Recognition will also be given where additional activity is carried out, for example hosting PACES within 12 months prior to the recruitment.*

Allocation Criteria

1. Eligibility to be included in the active international list will be assessed ahead of recruitment each diet, based on examiner activity within the 12 months prior to the recruitment diet. Admission onto the list will be at the discretion of the Dean of Examiners
2. Examiners who meet all the eligibility criteria will be invited to submit their availability to examine internationally at one or more centres each diet.
3. Eligible examiners on the international list, who are current active members of the MRCP(UK) board, RCPE council or college committee group supporting examinations will be offered initial preferential access representing up to 20% of the available allocations. This includes those who have a particular case for international activity owing to a role held in the college. Admission to the list will be at the discretion of the Senior College Examiner.
4. The remaining places will be made available to all eligible examiners on the active international examiner list for RCPE. For the purposes of allocation all examiners will be divided into three groups:
 - Group 1 – Examiners who have not been successfully allocated to examine internationally in the last 12 months (*or three diets*).
 - Group 2 – Those new to examining internationally.
 - Group 3 - All other eligible examiners who have submitted availability preferences on the recruitment survey.

Please Note the following information:

1. Where possible, allocation will take into consideration examination centre preferences. But where multiple requests are received for preference to a popular centre, allocation priority will be given to an examiner who has not been allocated internationally within the past 12 months, to maintain eligibility, or has not previously had the opportunity to examine at the centre.
2. The ethnicity and gender diversity of international examiners will be monitored and reported each examination diet, with the aim that it should reflect the diversity of the current active examiner pool.
3. Allocation will be based solely on recognition of examiner activity and availability. For fairness, we are unable to allocate based on individual requests to accommodate personal circumstances for visiting a particular international location.
4. We welcome all eligible examiners to apply for centres. However, please keep in mind that due to political tensions & safety concerns we are unable to allocate examiners of Indian origin for Pakistan and vice versa.
5. All allocated examiners need a minimum of 7 months left on their passport before travelling.
6. Please refer to the [International Code of Conduct](#)
7. For further information on international PACES examining, please contact: edinburghexaminers@rcpe.ac.uk