

FRCS Ophthalmology

The examination is made up of three parts, all of which must be passed or exempted for candidates to achieve FRCS (Ophth) (Glasg):

| Part | Format/content of exam | Number of diets per annum | Delivery mode | Eligibility requirements | ICO papers leading to exemption: |
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| 1. | Single best answer 2 hours 160 questions Basic Sciences syllabus | 2 diets – March and October | Online | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A primary medical qualification that is acceptable to the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom and; A minimum of 2 years post-qualification experience, including at least 1 year in pre-registration training. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Sciences <u>or</u>; Visual Sciences <u>or</u>; Optics and Refraction <u>or</u> Optics, Refraction and Use of Instruments |
| 2. | Single best answer 2.5 hours 180 questions Ophthalmic medicine and surgery, general medicine & neurology with particular reference to ophthalmology, including management of acute medical emergencies. | 2 diets – March and October | Online | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A primary medical qualification that is acceptable to the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom; Successful completion of Part 1, or possession of an exempting qualification and; A minimum of 6 years post-qualification experience, including at least 1 year in pre-registration training and 4.5 years in clinical Ophthalmology posts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical Sciences <u>or</u> Clinical Ophthalmology |
| 3. | Structured oral examination – consisting of 3 x 20-minute examinations <u>and</u> Clinical examination – consisting of 4 x 12-minute examinations | Up to 7 – Various locations and dates | Face to Face (online during COVID) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A primary medical qualification that is acceptable to the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom, and; Successful completion of Part 1, or its equivalent, <i>and</i> Part 2 or; Successful completion of Part 1, or its equivalent, the exempting qualification for Part 2 and completion of the clinical experience requirements for Part 2 | None |

Therefore, if a candidate has sat all of the ICO examinations listed above, and has 6 years of clinical experience, they are eligible to apply to sit the FRCS Part 3 clinical examination. On passing this they will be awarded the FRCS (Ophth) (Glasg). Further information can be found at www.rcpsg.ac.uk.