



# Royal College of Anaesthetists EXAMINATIONS CALENDAR August 2016 to July 2017

	PRIMARY F.R.C.A.						FINAL F.R.C.A.				
	MCQ EXAM			OSCE & SOE EXAM				WRITTEN EXAM		SOE EXAM	
<b>Applications and fees not accepted before</b>	Monday 13 Jun 16	Monday 5 Sep 16	Monday 7 Nov 16				<b>Applications and fees not accepted before</b>	Monday 13 Jun 16	Monday 7 Nov 16		
<b>Closing date Primary MCQ Applications</b>	Thursday 28 Jul 16	Thursday 13 Oct 16	Thursday 19 Jan 17				<b>Closing date Final Written Applications</b>	Tuesday 2 Aug 16	Tuesday 17 Jan 17		
<b>Primary MCQ examination</b>	<b>Tuesday 6 Sept 16</b>	<b>Tuesday 15 Nov 16</b>	<b>Tuesday 28 Feb 17</b>				<b>Final Written examination</b>	<b>Tuesday 13 Sep 16</b>	<b>Tuesday 7 Mar 17</b>		
<b>Applications and fees not accepted before</b>				Tuesday 23 Aug 16	Tuesday 18 Oct 16	Tuesday 21 Feb 17	<b>Applications and fees not accepted before</b>			Thursday 8 Sep 16	Thursday 30 Mar 17
<b>Closing date Primary OSCE &amp; SOE Applications</b>				Thursday 6 Oct 16	Thursday 8 Dec 16	Thursday 6 Apr 17	<b>Closing date Final SOE Applications</b>			Thursday 20 Oct 16	Thursday 27 Apr 17
<b>OSCEs and SOEs (probable date of commencement)</b>				<b>Monday 7 Nov 16</b>	<b>Monday 23 Jan 17</b>	<b>Monday 15 May 17</b>	<b>SOEs (probable date of commencement)</b>			<b>Monday 05 Dec 16</b>	<b>Monday 19 Jun 17</b>
<b>Examination Fees</b>	<b>£320</b>	<b>£320</b>	<b>£320</b>	Both <b>£590</b> OSCE <b>£325</b> SOE <b>£295</b>	Both <b>£590</b> OSCE <b>£325</b> SOE <b>£295</b>	Both <b>£590</b> OSCE <b>£325</b> SOE <b>£295</b>	<b>Examination Fees</b>	<b>£470</b>	<b>£470</b>	<b>£555</b>	<b>£555</b>
<b>Examiners' meetings</b>	<b>MCQ Core Group</b> 14 Sep 16 Wed	<b>MCQ Core Group</b> 23 Nov 16 Wed	<b>MCQ Core Group</b> 8 Mar 17 Wed	<b>OSCE WP</b> 15 Sept 16	<b>OSCE WP</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	<b>OSCE WP</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar 17	<b>Examiners' meetings</b>	<b>SCD</b> 21 Sep 16 Wed	<b>SCD</b> 15 Mar 17 Wed		

**KEY:** MCQ: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION  
SOE: STRUCTURED ORAL EXAMINATION

OSCE: OBJECTIVE STRUCTURED CLINICAL EXAMINATION  
SAQ: SHORT ANSWER QUESTION

<b>Guidance</b> To be advised – please check Guidance section of website.	<b>PA(A) OSCE</b> Fee: <b>£260</b> Thu 29 Sep 2016	<b>New Examiners' Training day</b> Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	<b>SIM Man Training Course</b> Wed-Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017	<b>Temporary Examination Eligibility - tbc per annum, conditions apply.</b>	<b>Final and Primary Exam Guides, inclusive of P&amp;P:</b> UK: £26 Europe: £31 Rest of World: £36
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## Examinations Department

Royal College of Anaesthetists

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1. **INFORMATION** Copies of the Regulations, on-line exams registration, application forms and candidate information sheets can be found and downloaded from the College website [www.rcoa.ac.uk](http://www.rcoa.ac.uk).
2. **APPLICATIONS** Candidates are asked to note the following:
  - (a) **Online application and payment must be completed by 5pm on the closing date. Paper applications must reach the Examinations Department not later than 5pm on the closing date shown in this calendar. Late applications will be rejected. TEE Applicants must be verified with the College at least 3 calendar months before the starting date of the examination applied for.**
  - (b) Applications and payment for exams can now be submitted on-line using the OLS exams icon available on the Exams pages of the College website. Alternatively applicants can use the application form and cheque payment system: Completed application forms must be accompanied by the fee and any appropriate certificates required by the Regulations (Read the candidate information sheet that accompanies the application form). The College only accepts cheques drawn on a UK clearing bank, sterling drafts or postal orders. Cheques must be made payable to “**The Royal College of Anaesthetists**” and crossed. With the exception of those candidates provisionally accepted on a “fill up” basis all *Cheques will be cashed on receipt*.
  - (c) The On-line exams system will close at 5pm on the published closing date. Complete and correct application forms together with the appropriate fee must be received by 5pm on the closing date. No application in any form will be accepted after 5pm on the exam closing date.
  - (d) Acknowledgements, by email, are sent to applicants on completion of the on-line process and on receipt of application forms. Admission forms bearing Candidate Number and instructions are sent by email around 5 working days after the closing date.
  - (e) Candidates who withdraw before the closing date will receive a refund of their examination fee, subject to a deduction of £40 for administrative expenses.
  - (f) Refunds to candidates who withdraw after the closing date will only be considered where the reason for withdrawal is beyond the control of the candidate, such as illness or family related issues and is granted at the discretion of the Examinations Manager, all requests must be supported by appropriate documentation e.g. a medical certificate or a supporting letter from the College Tutor.
3. **Applying and sitting:** In the Primary FRCA examination candidates must pass the MCQ paper before applying to sit the OSCE/SOE sections. At the first attempt the OSCE and SOE components must be taken at the same sitting. If a candidate passes either the OSCE or the SOE but fail the other component then he/she can apply to re-take the failed component, without having to retake the one that was passed. In the Final FRCA examination candidates must pass the MCQ and SAQ paper (the written exam) before applying to sit the SOEs.
4. **PAST PAPERS** Past SAQ papers may be downloaded from the Examinations pages of the College website ([www.rcoa.ac.uk](http://www.rcoa.ac.uk)). MCQ papers are not released but, the “Guide to the Primary FRCA” and “Guide to the Final FRCA” (each priced £26, see calendar for overseas costs), contain sample questions from all sections of the exam and can be ordered from the Finance Dept. of the College 020 7092 1584.
5. **RESULTS** Candidates should note that no results will be given by telephone. A list of Pass/Fail in the Primary examinations and the Final Written examinations will be published on the College website, using Candidate Nos. and CRNs only. All results will be confirmed in writing to the address supplied to the College.