

**EXAMINATIONS CALENDAR**  
August 2017 to July 2018

	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 12 Jun 17	Monday 4 Sept 17	Monday 30 Oct 17				<b>Applications and fees not accepted before</b>	Monday 12 Jun 17	Monday 30 Oct 17		
<b>Closing date Primary MCQ Applications</b>	Thursday 27 July 17	Thursday 12 Oct 17	Thursday 18 Jan 18				<b>Closing date Final Written Applications</b>	Tuesday 1 Aug 17	Tuesday 16 Jan 18		
<b>Primary MCQ examination</b>	<b>Tuesday 5 Sept 17</b>	<b>Tuesday 14 Nov 17</b>	<b>Tuesday 27 Feb 18</b>				<b>Final Written examination</b>	<b>Tuesday 12 Sep 17</b>	<b>Tuesday 6 Mar 18</b>		
<b>Applications and fees not accepted before</b>				Tuesday 22 Aug 17	Tuesday 17 Oct 17	Tuesday 20 Feb 18	<b>Applications and fees not accepted before</b>			Thursday 7 Sep 17	Thursday 29 Mar 18
<b>Closing date Primary OSCE &amp; SOE Applications</b>				Thursday 5 Oct 17	Thursday 7 Dec 17	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr 18	<b>Closing date Final SOE Applications</b>			Thursday 19 Oct 17	Thursday 26 Apr 18
<b>OSCEs and SOEs (probable date of commencement)</b>				<b>Monday 6 Nov 17</b>	<b>Monday 22 Jan 18</b>	<b>Monday 14 May 18</b>	<b>SOEs (probable date of commencement)</b>			<b>Monday 4 Dec 17</b>	<b>Monday 18 Jun 18</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</b> 13 Sep 17	<b>MCQ</b> 22 Nov 17	<b>MCQ</b> 7 Mar 18	<b>OSCE WP</b> 14 Sept 17	<b>OSCE WP</b> 14 Dec 17	<b>OSCE WP</b> 15 Mar 18	<b>Examiners' meetings</b>	<b>SCD</b> 20 Sep 17	<b>SCD</b> 14 Mar 18		
<b>KEY:</b> <b>MCQ:</b> MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION <b>OSCE:</b> OBJECTIVE STRUCTURED CLINICAL EXAMINATION <b>SOE:</b> STRUCTURED ORAL EXAMINATION <b>SAQ:</b> SHORT ANSWER QUESTION											
<b>Guidance</b> To be advised – please check Guidance section of website.	<b>PA(A) OSCE</b> Fee: £280 28 Sep 17			<b>New Examiners' Training day</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct 17		<b>SIM Man Training Course</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March 18		<b>Temporary Examination Eligibility - £80 per annum</b> , conditions apply.		<b>Final and Primary Exam Guides, inclusive of P&amp;P:</b> UK: £26 Europe: £31 Rest of World: £36	

## 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 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.