

	PRIMARY F.R.C.A.						FINAL F.R.C.A.				
	MCQ EXAM			OSCE & SOE EXAM				WRITTEN EXAM		SOE EXAM	
Applications and fees not accepted before	Monday 10 Jun 19	Monday 2 Sept 19	Monday 28 Oct 19				Applications and fees not accepted before	Monday 17 Jun 19	Monday 28 Oct 19		
Closing date Primary MCQ Applications	Thursday 25 July 19	Thursday 10 Oct 19	Thursday 9 Jan 20				Closing date Final Written Applications	Tuesday 23 July 19	Tuesday 14 Jan 20		
Primary MCQ examination	Tuesday 3 Sept 19	Tuesday 19 Nov 19	Tuesday 3 Mar 20				Final Written examination	Tuesday 10 Sept 19	Tuesday 10 Mar 20		
Applications and fees not accepted before				Monday 19 Aug 19	Monday 14 Oct 19	Monday 17 Feb 20	Applications and fees not accepted before			Monday 2 Sept 19	Monday 16 Mar 20
Closing date Primary OSCE & SOE Applications				Thursday 3 Oct 19	Thursday 5 Dec 19	Thursday 16 Apr 20	Closing date Final SOE Applications			Tuesday 22 Oct 19	Tuesday 28 Apr 20
OSCEs and SOEs (probable date of commencement)				Monday 4 Nov 19	Monday 27 Jan 20	Monday 18 May 20	SOEs (probable date of commencement)			Monday 2 Dec 19	Monday 22 Jun 20
Examination Fees	£330	£330	£330	Both £615 OSCE £335 SOE £305	Both £615 OSCE £335 SOE £305	Both £615 OSCE £335 SOE £305	Examination Fees	£490	£490	£580	£580
Examiners' meetings	MCQ Core Group 11 Sept 19	MCQ Core Group 27 Nov 19	MCQ Core Group 18 Mar 20	OSCE WP 12 Sept 19	OSCE WP 12 Dec 19	OSCE WP 19 Mar 20	Examiners' meetings	SCD 18 Sept 19	SCD 18 Mar 20		
KEY: MCQ: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION OSCE: OBJECTIVE STRUCTURED CLINICAL EXAMINATION SOE: STRUCTURED ORAL EXAMINATION SAQ: SHORT ANSWER QUESTION											
Guidance To be advised – please check Guidance section of website.	PA(A) OSCE Fee: £270 26 Sept 19			New Examiners' Training day 4 Oct 19		SIM Man Training Course 4-5 March 20	Temporary Examination Eligibility Fee: £95	Final and Primary Exam Guides, inclusive of P&P: UK: £26 Europe: £31 Rest of World: £36			

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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.
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 three 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 if withdrawal is after 14 days of payment of the exam fee.
 - (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 Head of Examinations.
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). 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 examinations will be published on the College website, using Candidate Nos. only. All results will be confirmed in writing to the address supplied to the College.