

	PRIMARY F.R.C.A.						FINAL F.R.C.A.				
	MCQ EXAM			OSCE & SOE EXAM			Applications and fees not accepted before	WRITTEN EXAM		SOE EXAM	
Applications and fees not accepted before	Monday 11 Jun 18	Monday 3 Sept 18	Monday 29 Oct 18					Applications and fees not accepted before	Monday 11 Jun 18	Monday 29 Oct 18	
Closing date Primary MCQ Applications	Thursday 26 July 18	Thursday 11 Oct 18	Thursday 10 Jan 19				Closing date Final Written Applications	Tuesday 31 Jul 18	Tuesday 15 Jan 19		
Primary MCQ examination	<b>Tuesday 4 Sept 18</b>	<b>Tuesday 13 Nov 18</b>	<b>Tuesday 5 Mar 19</b>				Final Written examination	<b>Tuesday 11 Sep 18</b>	<b>Tuesday 12 Mar 19</b>		
Applications and fees not accepted before				Tuesday 21 Aug 18	Tuesday 16 Oct 18	Tuesday 19 Feb 19	Applications and fees not accepted before			Monday 3 Sep 18	Monday 18 Mar 19
Closing date Primary OSCE & SOE Applications				Thursday 4 Oct 18	Thursday 6 Dec 18	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr 19	Closing date Final SOE Applications			Monday 22 Oct 18	Tuesday 23 Apr 19
OSCEs and SOEs (probable date of commencement)				<b>Monday 5 Nov 18</b>	<b>Monday 21 Jan 19</b>	<b>Monday 13 May 19</b>	SOEs (probable date of commencement)			<b>Monday 3 Dec 18</b>	<b>Monday 17 Jun 19</b>
Examination Fees	£325	£325	£325	Both £600 OSCE £330 SOE £300	Both £600 OSCE £330 SOE £300	Both £600 OSCE £330 SOE £300	Examination Fees	£480	£480	£565	£565
Examiners' meetings	<b>MCQ Core Group</b> 12 Sep 18	<b>MCQ Core Group</b> 21 Nov 18	<b>MCQ Core Group</b> 13 Mar 19	<b>OSCE WP</b> 20 Sept 18	<b>OSCE WP</b> 13 Dec 18	<b>OSCE WP</b> 21 Mar 19	Examiners' meetings	<b>SCD</b> 19 Sep 18	<b>SCD</b> 20 Mar 19		
<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: £265 Thurs 27 Sep 18		<b>New Examiners' Training day</b> Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct 18		<b>SIM Man Training Course</b> Wed/Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March 19		<b>Temporary Examination Eligibility</b> - tbc per annum, 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 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](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. only. All results will be confirmed in writing to the address supplied to the College.