

CRN/TEE number

Deanery/NTN:

GMC/National Medical number:

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Date received:

Examination fee held:

Examination fee paid:

A/C Reference No: 1101/22/

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM (INCLUDING THE ABOVE) IN
BLOCK CAPITALS USING BLACK INK.**

Validity of a pass in the Primary MCQ is now three years

Section A: Personal Details

Please give all names in full EXACTLY as they appear in the GMC register

Surname: _____ Initials: _____ Male: Female:

Forename 1: _____ Forename 2: _____ Forename 3: _____

Date of Birth:

Address for correspondence DURING THE PERIOD OF THE EXAMINATION:

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

Address Line 3: _____

Town/City: _____

County/State: _____ Postcode/Zipcode:

Country: _____

This address is (tick ONE only): Permanent for all correspondence from the College Only for this examination [see Info Sheet (2)]

Telephone number (please include dialing code): Home Work

Email address:

Section B: MCQ Examination Centres

The MCQ paper will be held simultaneously at a centre in the following areas. Please indicate your preferred area. Whilst every effort will be made to comply with your request, no guarantee can be given [see Info Sheet (4)]:

London: Sheffield: Manchester: Edinburgh: Cardiff: Belfast: Birmingham:

Section C: Previous attempts at the Primary FRCA MCQ Examination

Please list the dates of all previous attempts at the Primary FRCA MCQ Examination [see Info Sheet (5)]:

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Please note that an AET FORM1 must be submitted at least three months before a sixth attempt can be taken.

Section D: Candidate status (1)

Please tick all the boxes which apply to you. I am:

A CT1*, CT2*, SpR*, StR*, FTSTA* or LAT* trainee in anaesthesia:

Sponsored under IP:

A CT1*, CT2*, FTSTA* trainee in ACCS:

Foundation trainee:

ICM single/dual* programme trainee:

***Delete as appropriate.**

If you ticked one or more of the boxes go to Section F and G.

If you ticked no boxes go to Section E.

Section E: Candidate status (2)

Please tick all the boxes which apply to you:

I was formerly a trainee in an approved UK training post.

I have never been in a UK training post. I am currently working in the UK as an anaesthetist and I am registered with the College [see Info Sheet (1) and (3)].

I am a trainee in an approved Irish training post.

I am an anaesthetist and I have successfully applied under Temporary Examination Eligibility (TEE) [see Info Sheet (1)].

If you ticked one or more of the boxes go to Section F and H.

If you ticked no boxes you are ineligible to sit the examination.

Section F: Current details (to be completed by all applicants – please print all details)

Grade or title of post	Specialty	Name and address of current hospital	Dates of commencement and expected completion in current post (DD/MM/YY–DD/MM/YY)

Name of College Tutor or supervising consultant:

Section G: Declaration by candidates who are currently in an approved training post in the UK or who are sponsored by their Deanery under MTI (IP)

I certify that:

- All the statements in this application are true
- *I am registered with the College as a trainee/sponsored under IP or *I am an ACCS trainee/Foundation Trainee/ICM Trainee who is not registered in anaesthesia [see Info Sheet (1)].
- My details at Section F are a true record of my present post.
- **I am adequately prepared for this examination** and I have my CT's support [see Info Sheet (9), (10) and (11)].
- I have read and agree to abide by the RCoA Examination Regulations [see Info Sheet (3)].
- I am eligible in all respects to enter this examination [see Info Sheet (3)].
- I agree to the processing and disclosure of my personal data including my personal data to the GMC [see Info Sheet (6)].

*Delete as appropriate.

I confirm that the above statements are true and following discussion with my College Tutor, I have their full support to sit this exam.

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Now complete Sections I and J before returning the form to The Royal College of Anaesthetists.

Section H: Declaration by candidates who are not in approved UK training posts

Medical Qualification: _____ Awarding body and country: _____ Year awarded:
 (e.g. MB, BS)

I certify that:

- All the statements in this application are true.
- I have read and agree to abide by the RCoA Examination Regulations [see Info Sheet (3)].
- I am adequately prepared for this examination and eligible in all respects to enter this examination [see Info Sheet (3) and (11)].
- I agree to the processing and disclosure of my personal data as described in Info Sheet (6).

Signature of candidate: _____ Date: _____

Now complete Sections I and J before returning the form to The Royal College of Anaesthetists.

Section I: Trainees only

I obtained my Primary Medical Qualification in area: (1 = UK, 2 = European Community, 3 = Rest of world).

I am training in the following Deanery/
Country (outside the UK):

(If working outside the UK please enter country where presently employed and move to section J)

I am currently training within the following School of Anaesthesia (please tick as appropriate):

School of Anaesthesia	Tick
Barts and The London	
Birmingham	
Bristol	
Central London	
East of England	
East Midlands Healthcare Workforce	
Hull/York and East Coast	
Imperial	
KSS	
Leeds and Bradford	
Mersey	
Military Services	
Northern	
Northern Ireland	
North of Scotland	

School of Anaesthesia	Tick
North West	
Nottingham and East Midlands (NEMSA)	
Oxford	
Sheffield and South Yorkshire	
South East (SESA)	
South East Scotland	
South West	
St George's	
Stoke-on-Trent	
Tayside	
Warwickshire	
Welsh	
Wessex	
West of Scotland	

Section J: Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form

To ensure compliance with the Equality Act 2010 and as part of the College's Equal Opportunities Policy, the College monitors exam results in relation to the candidate population.

This information will only be used to assist in the provision of equal opportunities for all. You are requested to complete the form below, although this is not mandatory. Whatever your decision, it will have no effect on your exam results.

All information will be held in the strictest confidence and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679. It will not be available to anyone involved in examining you or those involved in processing your results. This information will be recorded on the College database. However, any use made of this data will not allow any individual to identify you.

Your ethnic group:

The ethnic groups are based on the Census 2011 categories.

Asian or Asian British

- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Other

Black or Black British

- African
- Caribbean
- Other

Mixed

- White and Black African
- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Asian
- Other

White

- British
- English
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Irish
- Northern Irish
- Other
- Scottish
- Welsh

Other Ethnic Group

- Arab
- Any other Ethnic Group
- Prefer not to say

Is English your first language?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Your gender:

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

Your religion or belief (please select the group you most identify with):

- Buddhist
- Jewish
- Any other religion or belief
- Christian
- Muslim
- No religion or belief
- Hindu
- Sikh
- Prefer not to say

Your sexual orientation:

- Bisexual
- Heterosexual/straight
- Gay man
- Other
- Gay woman/lesbian
- Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the terms given in the Equality Act 2010?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

The College is committed to ensure that all candidates have equal opportunity to demonstrate their ability in all FRCA exams in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. To this aim the College will make 'Reasonable adjustment' to examination arrangements as appropriate for individual disabled candidates. The College Disability policy in regard to all FRCA examinations is set out at Appendix 3 of the Royal College of Anaesthetists Primary and Final FRCA Examination Regulations.

Section K: Publication of results

Candidate results are initially published on the College website by candidate number only. Please indicate below your preference in regard to the release of results.

If you indicate that you do not want your result published on the website, you will receive your result via letter approximately five working days later.

If you fail to choose an option you will be automatically omitted from the list.

Publish my result*

No, do not publish my result*

Please tick as appropriate

Please do not attach this sheet to your application form

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS – PRIMARY FRCA MCQ EXAMINATION APPLICATION FORM – INFORMATION SHEET

Completing your form

- The top of the form:** All applicants will need to be registered with the College in a membership category (not affiliated) or for Temporary Examination Eligibility and enter their College Reference Number (CRN) or Temporary Examination Eligibility number (TEE) at the top of the form. **With the exception of ACCS**, current Irish anaesthetic trainees and Foundation trainees applying for Primary examinations, these applicants will be issued with a temporary CRN by the College on receipt of their application form, temporary CRNs are valid for the period of the examination only. All applicants must be registered with the GMC if working in the UK or their own National Medical Council (NMC) if working overseas. Therefore, applicants must enter their GMC or NMC number where indicated.
- The address:** The address you put on the application form will be used for all correspondence relating to that examination. Applicants outside the UK will be contacted by email with letter correspondence being sent as pdf and by post. **Receipt of application forms will be confirmed by email.**
- Eligibility:** The detailed rules for eligibility can be found in the College's [Examination Regulations](#). Applicants must read the regulations before completing the application form.
- Examination centres:** FRCA examinations are held in the UK only. The College makes every effort to meet candidate's preferences. Early application will give a much higher chance of being given the centre requested. Written examinations are held in London, Sheffield, Manchester, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast and Birmingham.
- Number of attempts:** The number of attempts allowed at the Primary MCQ is limited to six. (Candidates must submit an AET FORM1 prior to their sixth attempt). A pass in the Primary MCQ is valid for three years as eligibility towards the OSCE/SOE exam.
- Disclosure of information:** Under the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the information provided on this form and your examination result may be processed and passed to examiners, your College Tutor, Postgraduate Dean, employer, etc. for legitimate purposes connected with your training. If you are registered or anticipate being registered with the GMC then your personal data, including data about your exam results, will be passed to the GMC. This passing of data is for quality assurance and research purposes and to facilitate the awarding of certificates of completion of training (CCTs). The GMC will use the data for its own research and for any research as part of the UK Medical Education Database (www.ukmed.ac.uk). Data held in UKMED will only be disclosed to third parties in accordance with the UKMED Research Process and therefore it will not be possible for researchers to identify your data. All data will be handled in accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and the RCoA/GMC Confidentiality and data sharing Agreement.
- Supporting documents:** There is no requirement to submit supporting documents with your Primary MCQ Application.
- Working through the form:** The correct contact information is important, so that we are able to contact you at anytime during the examination process. Ensure you tick all boxes that are appropriate to you. All applicants must complete the current details section. Trainees must complete Section I regarding current Deaneries and Schools of Anaesthesia. All applicants are requested to complete the Racial Monitoring and Equal Opportunities policy section.
- Your signature:** Ensure you have signed and dated the appropriate declaration section G for trainees and MTI (IP) or section H for those not in approved UK training posts. By signing the form you are confirming that you have the support of your CT or anaesthetic consultant to sit the exam you are applying for. See note 10.
- Your College Tutor or Consultant's signature is not required:** However, Trainees/MTI (IP) applicants will need to have discussed their application with their College Tutor and have their full support to sit this exam. Non- trainees are required to obtain the support of their supervising anaesthetic consultant. All applicants must print the name of their CT or supervising consultant at Section F. You will declare that you have done this when you sign the form at Section G or H as appropriate.
- Adequately prepared for this exam:** Applications received by the College will be accepted as an indication that the applicant is adequately prepared for the examination applied for. An AET FORM1 must be in place at least three months before applying for the sixth attempt at this exam.
- All FRCA examinations are conducted in English. Where a candidate's first language is not English, the College recommends that an applicant's communication and written skills in English are at least equivalent to the level at which a doctor could successfully pass the PLAB (Professional Linguistics Assessment Board) tests or at a level where they would expect to gain an average score of approximately 7.5/9 across all bands of the IELTS (International English Language Testing System).

Please turn over for information about checking and sending your application form.

Please do not attach this sheet to your application form

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS – PRIMARY FRCA MCQ EXAMINATION

APPLICATION FORM – INFORMATION SHEET

Checking and submitting your form

- 13 **Check it:** Start at the front and check through your form again. Have you signed and dated it? Have you informed your College Tutor or Anaesthetic consultant about you sitting this exam and have they given you their approval? There are no supporting documents that need to be submitted with the Primary MCQ application form. Have you included the fee? Is your cheque correctly completed, signed and dated?
- 14 **Examination fee:** The examination fee is set out on the examinations calendar. Currently for paper applications only cheques drawn on a UK clearing bank, sterling bank draft or postal orders are accepted. Cheques should be made payable to '**The Royal College of Anaesthetists**'. Please ensure you have sufficient funds in your account.
- 15 **When to send your form:** No application will be accepted after 5.00 pm on the published closing date. You should only send applications during the active application window period which is set out in the exam calendars. If we receive it before the opening date, then it will be held in a pending tray until the appropriate date.
- 16 **How to send it:** The College does not accept any responsibility for the application form until it reaches the College, so it is up to you to get it to the College before 5.00 pm on the closing date, proof of postage is not proof of delivery. First class postage delivery times vary enormously. If the closing date is one week or less, consider Royal Mail Registered Delivery. Special Delivery is a secure service guaranteed for next day by either 9.00 am or 1.00 pm.
- 17 **Confirming receipt:** You will receive an email to notify you when your application has been booked on to the exam, this should be sent to you around two days after being received in the College. If you have not heard from us within five working days of you sending your application or the closing date is getting close, then call the College and speak to a member of the exams team (020 7092 1524/1525). Always ensure you have received confirmation by 5.00 pm on the closing date.
- 18 **Waiting lists:** There are no waiting lists for Primary FRCA MCQ examinations.

Withdrawals

- 19 **Before the closing date:** You can withdraw before the closing date and receive a refund less a small admin charge. You must advise the examination dept of your intention to withdraw via email to exams@rcoa.ac.uk. **After the closing date:** You can withdraw after the closing date. This will not count as an attempt. Refunds are not **normally** given after the closing date unless it is a reason beyond your control such as illness or family bereavement. If this is the case then you must contact the exams department exams@rcoa.ac.uk give the reason and ask your College Tutor to confirm that they support your withdrawal, again by email. Refunds are not given for lack of preparation.

Receiving documentation from the College about your exam entry and results:

- 20 **Admission notice:** You should receive an email from the College which confirms you are booked onto the exam and your Admission notice, around 5 working days after the closing date. This will state your 'candidate number' a three figure number that is unique to you for this exam only, the timing of your exam, and the address of your exam venue. Please bring your Admission notice with you when you attend the exam. You will be directed to your exam desk by the use of your 'candidate number'.
- 21 **Results:** You will be given a date and time on which a pass/fail list will be published on the College website. This will be posted on the [Primary MCQ – Results and Statistics](#) page. A few days after the pass/fail list is published the College will send you your results letter which will confirm your result and provide your MTF raw score, your SBA raw score, your overall raw score and your overall percentage score. No further break down is available.
- 22 **Guidance:** Guidance interviews are not provided following an unsuccessful attempt at the Primary MCQ.