

The Responsibilities and Duties of the Chair of the MRCP(UK) Part 1/ Part 2 Written Examining Board

Responsibilities

The Chair of the MRCP(UK) Part 1/ Part 2 Written Examining Board is responsible to the MRCP(UK) Associate Medical Director for Written Examinations and will:

Have overall responsibility for the MRCP(UK) Part 1/ Part 2 Written Examining Board to ensure that all the academic objectives are met.

Have responsibility for ensuring that MRCP(UK) Part 1/ Part 2 Written Examination meets the standards set by the regulatory body: the General Medical Council.

Be responsible, with the support of the Associate Medical Director for Written Examinations, for the selection, appointment and training of board members and the monitoring of their performance.

Have responsibility for the ongoing development of the MRCP(UK) Part 1/ Part 2 Written Examination in the context of the overall development of the MRCP(UK) as directed by the Medical Director and MRCP(UK) Management Board.

Be a member of misconduct or appeal panels as requested.

Be a member of the MRCP(UK) Management Board, and advise on issues that affect academic, operational, and policy matters of the Examination.

Be a member of the Part 1 /Part 2 Written Examination Standard Setting Group.

Be a member of the MRCP(UK) Academic Quality Management and Research Committee to advise on issues that affect the academic and policy development of MRCP(UK) Part 1/ Part 2 Written Examination.

Be a member of the MRCP(UK) Standards Annual Review Group to advise on pass standards of the MRCP(UK) Part 1 /Part 2 Written Examination

Be a member of other Boards or Committees as requested by the Medical Director.

Review the functions of the MRCP(UK) Part 1/ Part 2 Written Examining Board and advise the MRCP(UK) Management Board on the strategy the Board should adopt to ensure the MRCP(UK) Part 1/ Part 2 Written Examination can be delivered both in and out with the UK.

Support MRCP(UK) Central Office and the College examinations' departments in their work in developing and delivering the MRCP(UK) Part 1/ Part 2 Written Examination.

Requirements

It is a requirement for all those working with MRCP(UK) examinations that:

They confirm that they hold MRCP(UK) or an equivalent postgraduate diploma, that they are a member or fellow of one of the three Colleges, and that they are registered and in good standing with the GMC.

That they confirm as requested that they are up to date with their employer's equality and diversity training, and are up to date with their employer's appraisal process.

All those working with the MRCP(UK) exams are expected to have been actively engaged in the training of junior doctors within the last two years, and to be up to date as appropriate with National Guidelines, and CPD requirements.

Time Commitment

The Chair of the MRCP(UK) Part 1/ Part 2 Written Examining Board is expected to commit one session per week to Examining Board matters (of which at least two sessions per month are spent liaising with other Board Officers and examinations staff), and attend the following meetings:

- Part 1/ Part 2 Written Examining Board (meets for two days three times per year);
- MRCP(UK) Management Board (meets for half a day four times per year);
- MRCP(UK) Academic, Quality Management and Research Committee (AQMRC) (meets for half a day four times per year);
- MRCP(UK) Standards Annual Review Group (meets for a full day once per year);
- MRCP(UK) Part 1/2 Standard Setting Group (meets for two days every three years).

The Federation agrees to reimburse the employing Trust or Board for the appointee's salary (1 PA) and associated costs, including any increased costs arising from any pay awards to the appointee's salary due during the period of the Agreement.

As outlined in the Agreement with the appointee and their employing Trust, no part of this forms any contract of employment under the terms of the Employment Rights Act 1996 (as amended). This is a non-salaried position but all reasonable expenses and travel costs will be met by the MRCP(UK) Central Office in line with the Federation Expenses policy.

It is anticipated that approximately 40 sessions per year will be spent on all these activities.

The tenure of board appointments is five years subject to satisfactory annual appraisal. Subject to the agreement of the Associate Medical Director for Written Examinations, individual tenure may be extended by up to a maximum of five years to ensure orderly succession planning.

Performance Review

The Federation will record performance in discharging the responsibilities and duties described in an annual appraisal.

Confidentiality

The work of examinations is highly sensitive and it is the responsibility of those working on the development of the examinations to ensure that the confidentiality of candidate information, examination results and examination material is respected at all times.

Conflict of Interest

Should a conflict of interests or potential conflict of interests arise it is the responsibility of the individual to inform the appropriate Board Chair or Medical Director.

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