

MRCP(UK) Part 2 written examination March 2026

Performance report

Exam statistics

Number of candidates sitting	Number of UK resident doctors	Candidates not training in the UK	Equated pass score	Reliability (Cronbach alpha)	Standard error of measurement (%)
2558	814	1744	444	0.83	3.1

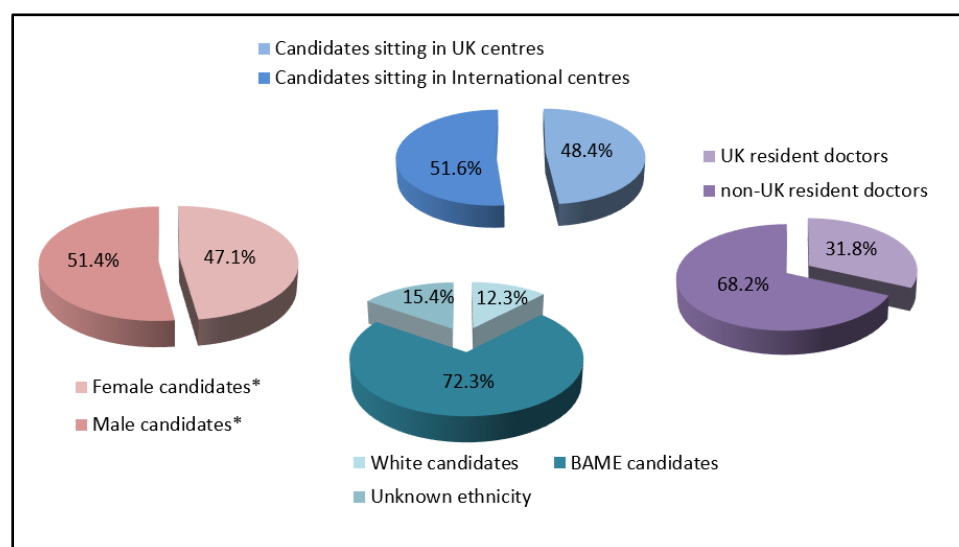
Candidates sitting in UK centres	Candidates sitting in International centres	Female candidates*	Male candidates*	White candidates	BAME candidates	Unknown ethnicity
1238	1320	1205	1316	314	1851	393
48.4%	51.6%	47.1%	51.4%	12.3%	72.4%	15.4%

*not all candidates declare their gender

The format of the March 2026 exam was a 2-paper exam of 100 questions each.

A total of 2558 candidates sat the examination: 1238 sat a proctored exam in the UK, 1233 sat a proctored exam outside the UK and 87 sat in an invigilated international centre.

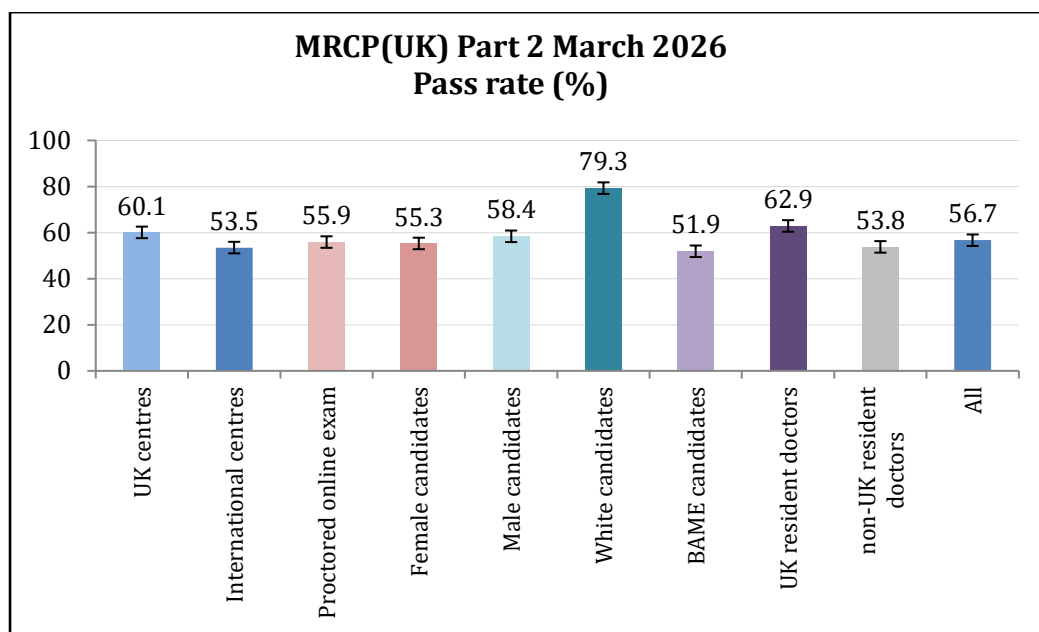
There were more male than female candidates and more BAME than White candidates. 31.8% of the total 2558 candidates have self-declared as UK resident doctors (in a training programme).



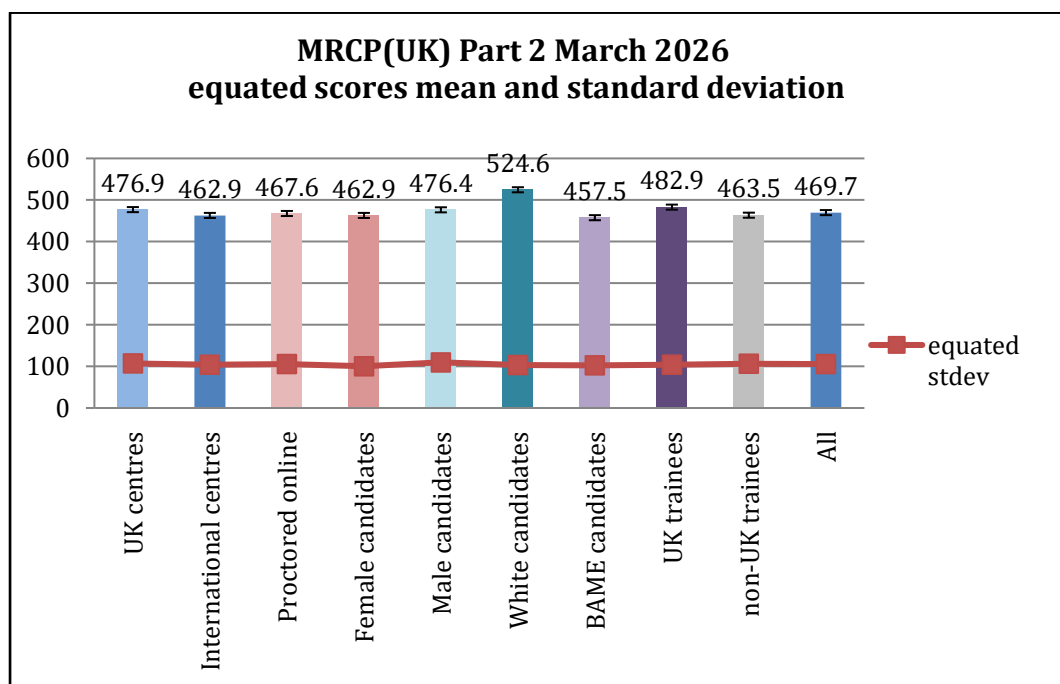
Candidate performance

The pass rate for White candidates is the highest. Candidates sitting a proctored exam in the UK and internationally had a pass rate of 55.9% (1381/2471).

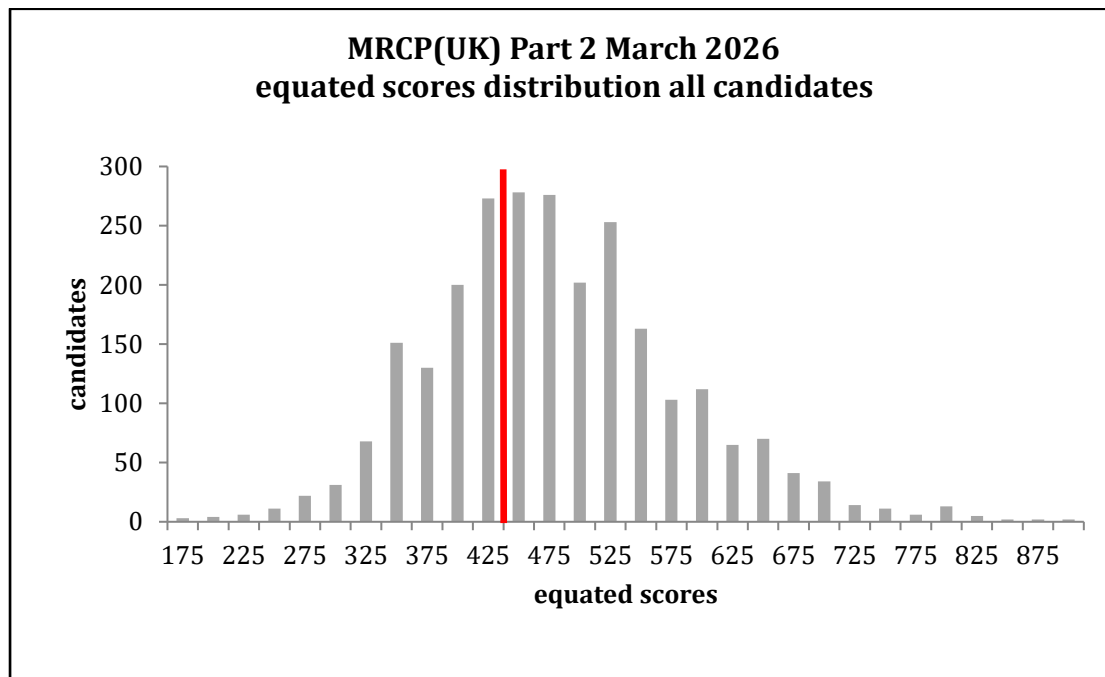
Female candidates are passing in a lower proportion than male candidates, a higher proportion of White candidates is passing than BAME candidates and non-UK resident doctors have a lower pass rate than those training in the UK (*Note: training data is self-declared*).



The mean of equated scores is highest for White candidates and lowest for BAME candidates.



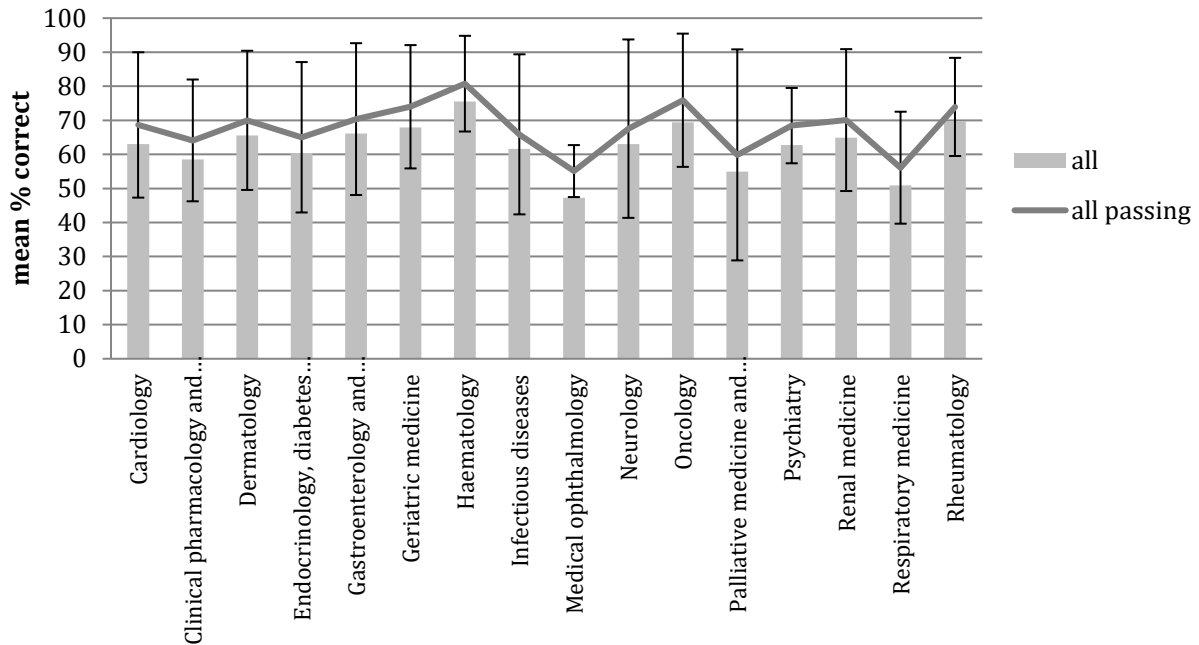
Candidate scores distribution shows many candidates scoring between 400 and 550 (mean=469.7, stdev=105.9, median=462, mode=415). The pass mark is established at **444**. In this examination the number of correct answers for a pass is **122** out of 195 scored questions.



Topic performance

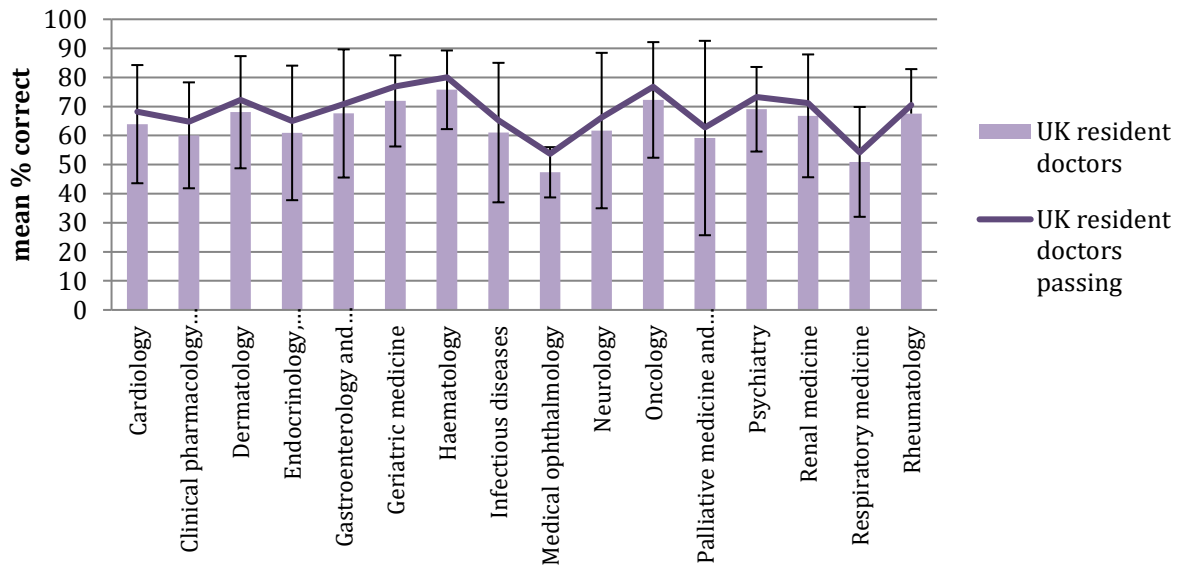
Candidates overall, including those who passed, have the highest mean percent correct in Haematology and the lowest in Ophthalmology. Same pattern is observed for UK resident doctors, including those who passed. Both topics have a small number of questions in the exam.

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Error bars =standard deviation

MRCP(UK) Part 2 March 2026 topic performance UK resident doctors



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