

MRCP(UK) Part 1 written examination May 2026

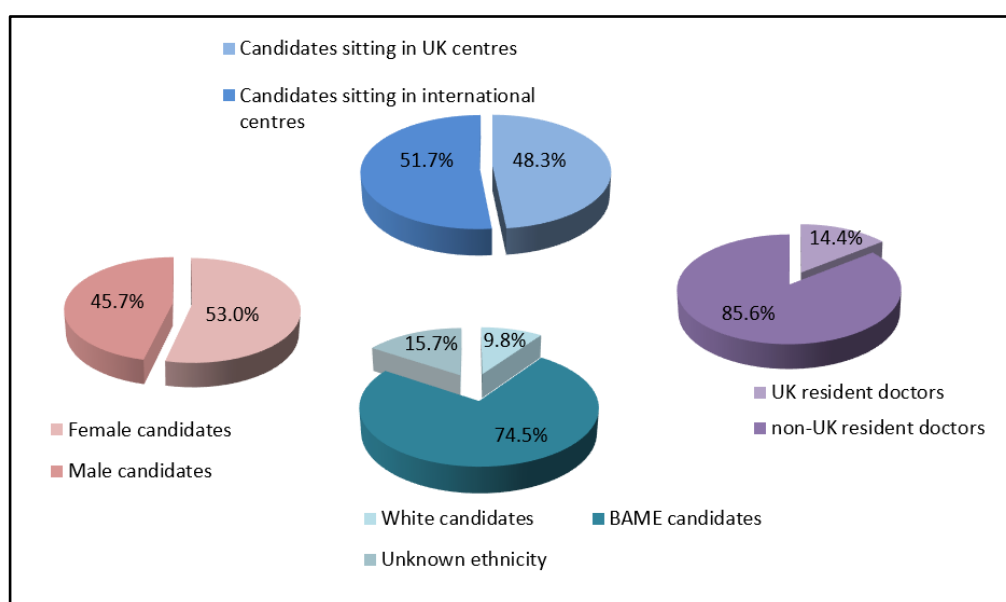
Performance report

Exam statistics

Number of candidates sitting	Number of UK resident doctors	Candidates not training in the UK	Pass equated score	Reliability (Cronbach alpha)	Standard error of measurement (%)
3749	538	3211	450	0.93	3.1

Candidates sitting in UK centres	Candidates sitting in international centres	Female candidates	Male candidates	White candidates	BAME candidates	Unknown ethnicity
1810	1939	1988	1714	366	2792	591
48.3%	51.7%	53.0%	45.7%	9.8%	74.5%	15.7%

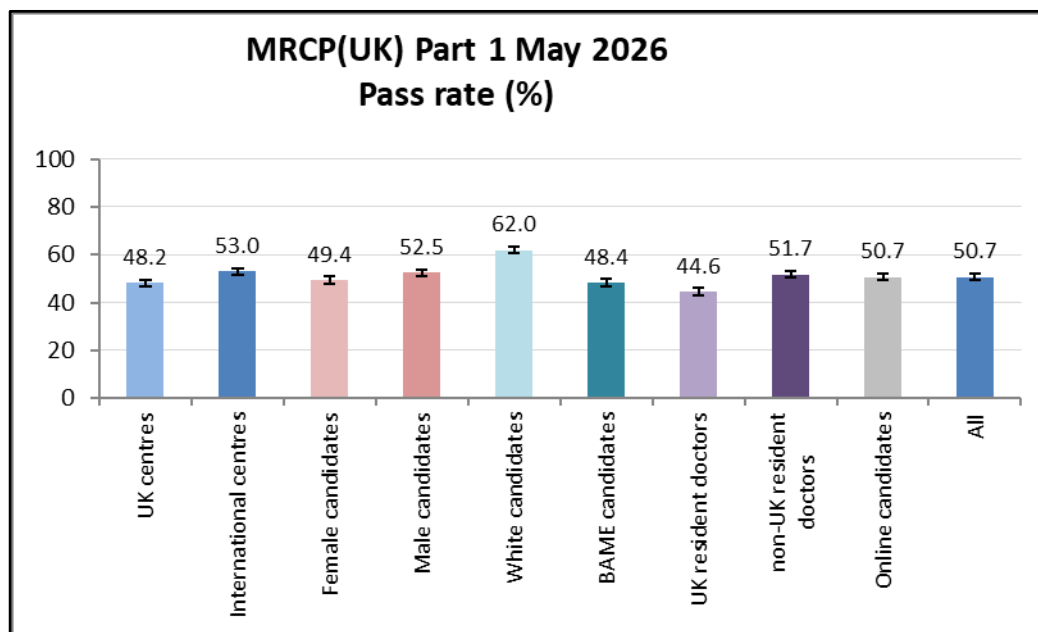
The number of female candidates is higher than the number of male candidates, there are more BAME than White candidates. The number of non-UK resident doctors (non-UK trainees) is much higher than the number of self-declared UK resident doctors (UK trainees). 2132 candidates sat an online proctored exam (1808 in the UK and 324 internationally) and 1615 sat in an invigilated centre. Two candidates sat a pen & paper exam.



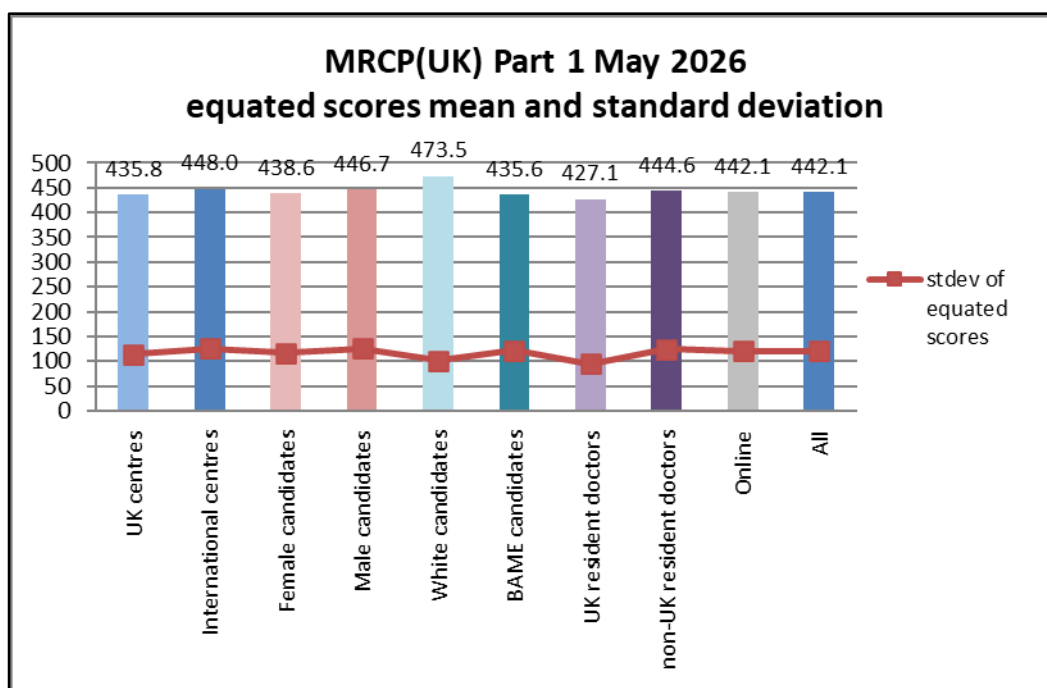
Candidate performance

Candidate numbers and pass rates for all groups are in line with the historical data.

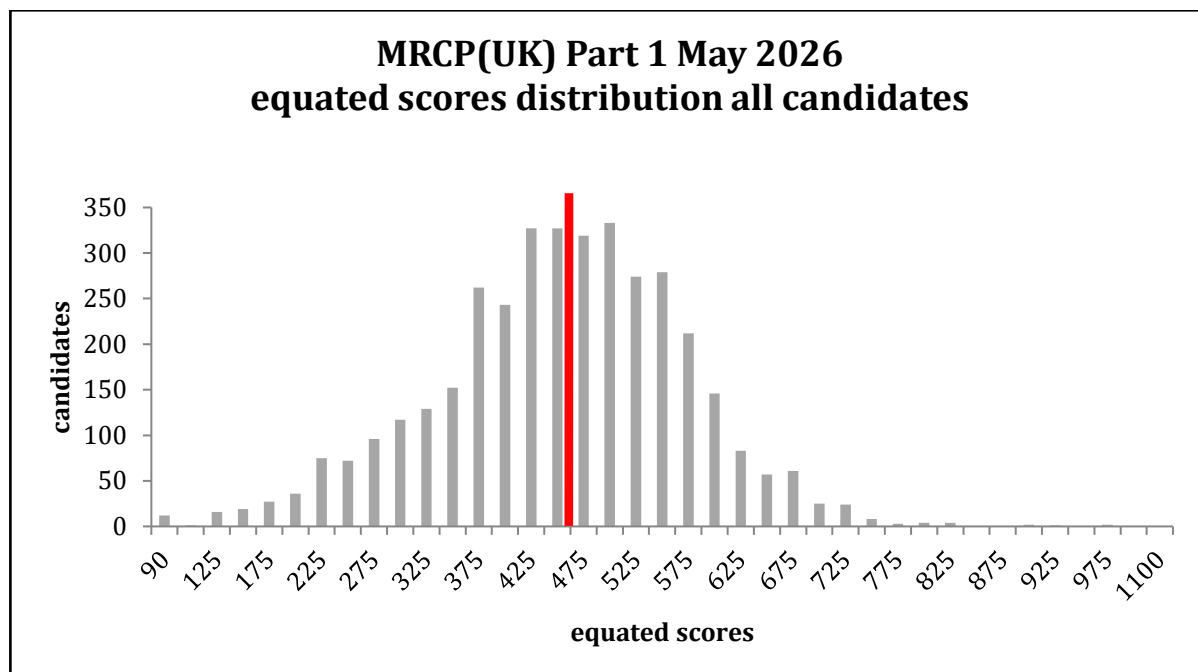
Male candidates have a higher pass rate than female candidates, White candidates are passing in a higher proportion than BAME candidates and UK resident doctors have a lower pass rate than non-UK resident doctors (Note: data on training is self-declared).



The mean of equated scores is highest for White candidates and lowest for UK resident doctors (trainees).



Candidate scores distribution shows many candidates scoring between 425 and 550 (mean=442.1, stdev=120.7, median=450, mode=469). The pass mark is established at **450**. In this examination, the number of correct answers for a pass is **124** out of 200 scored questions.

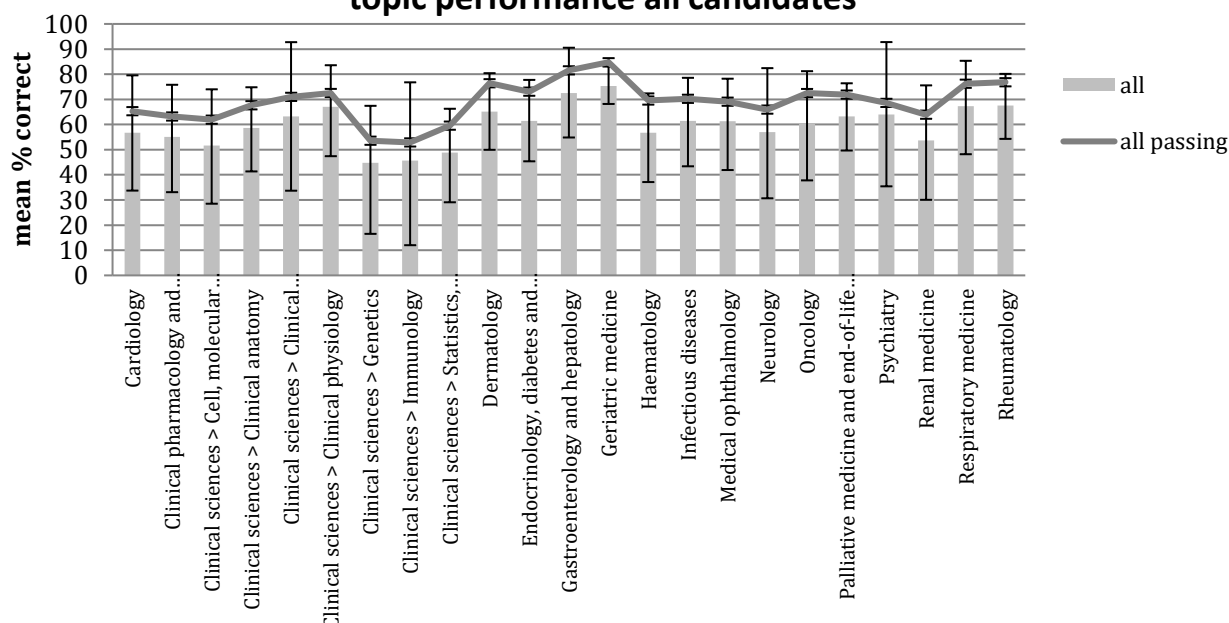


Topic performance

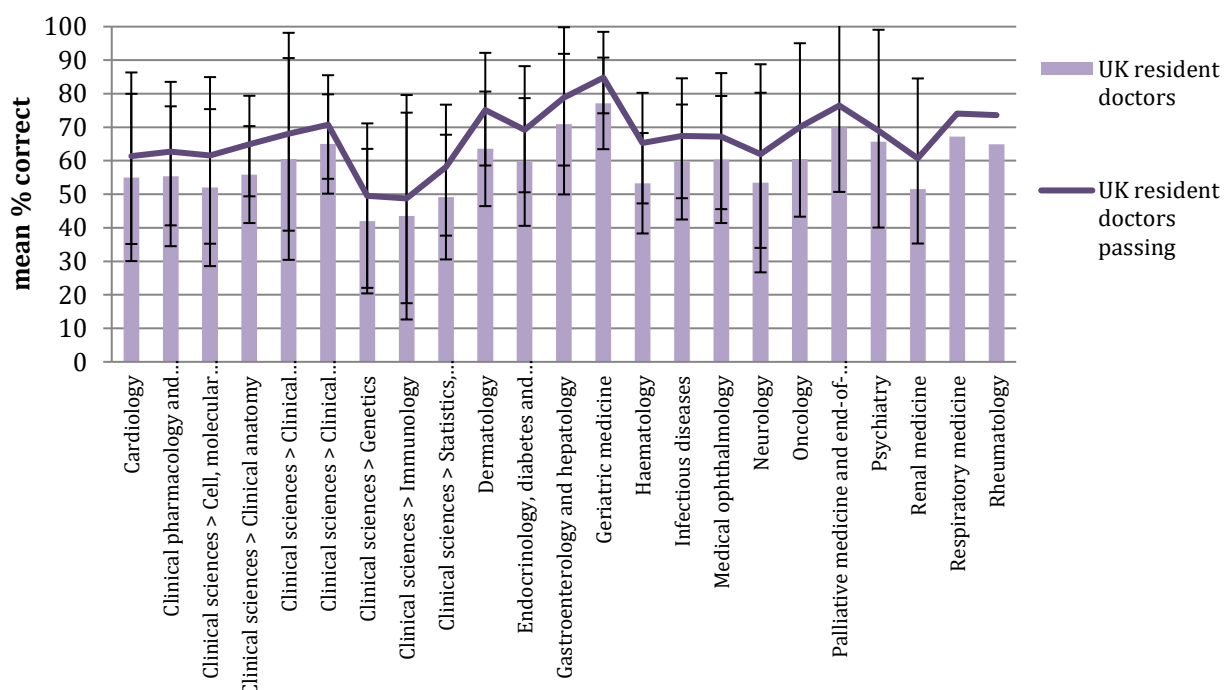
All candidates have the lowest mean percent correct in Genetics and those who passed scored lowest in Immunology. The highest mean percent correct for all and all who passed was in Geriatric medicine.

Same pattern is noted for UK resident doctors, including those who passed. They have the lowest mean percent correct in Genetics and Immunology and the highest mean percent correct in Geriatric medicine.

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