

MRCP(UK) Part 2 Written Examination – November 2025 Standard Setting Review

The MRCP(UK) Part 2 Written Examination Standard Setting Group met in November 2025 to consider whether the pass mark derived from test equating was still appropriate. MRCP(UK) Assessment Data Analytics aided with guidance on the process and historical candidate performance.

The Group's discussions and decisions are summarised below:

- The standard was set using an Angoff method. Members reviewed the 2025/3 examination to consider the proportion of borderline candidates they felt should correctly answer each question.

The reference group for the process was UK core medical trainees working in the NHS.

- The group had to consider the outcome of the Hofstee methodology and the resulting pass rates for all candidates, UK graduates, and UK trainees. This ensures that actual candidate performance will modify the judgement of the group and increases confidence in any recommended change to the pass mark.
- The group agreed that the pass mark should be changed to 444 equated score.
- The recommendation was considered at the December 2025 Part 2 Examination Board meeting. It was noted that the correct standard setting process had been followed and that careful analysis had been undertaken. The group had discussed the matter in detail before making a recommendation.

The Board agreed to support the recommendation to decrease the current equated passing score of 444.

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