

MRCP(UK) Part 2 Written 2025 performance report

The MRCP(UK) Part 2 Written examination assesses the ability to apply clinical understanding, make clinical judgements and take responsibility for prioritising diagnostic or problem lists, planning investigation, selecting a plan for immediate management, selecting a plan for long-term management, assessing prognosis. The MRCP(UK) Part 2 Written examination can be taken by physicians in training who have passed the MRCP(UK) Part 1 Examination.

There were three examinations delivered in 2025 with 6,106 candidates sitting overall. 1,827 candidates declared they were in UK training. Candidates who did not declare their training details or self-declared as OTH (Other) are reported as 'Other candidates' (4,279). Candidates who experienced technical difficulties in 2025-2 (n=131) and had results voided are excluded from this report.

Pass Mark

The pass score for the 2025 Part 2 examinations is 454 established in November 2022 at the standard setting review.

Pass rate and performance by attempt

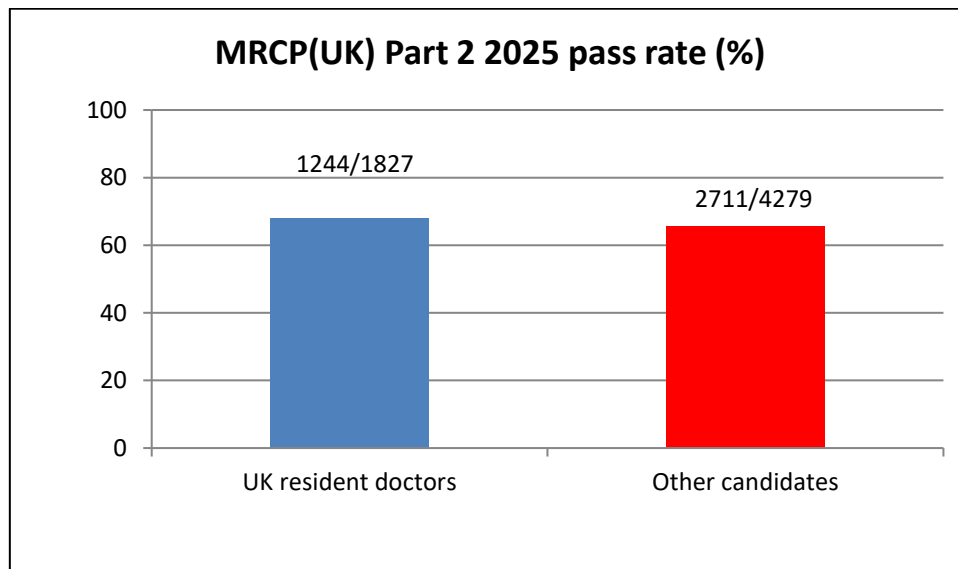


Figure 1. Pass rates for UK resident doctors and other candidates. Note that training details are self-declared

UK resident doctors pass rate at first attempt 71.3% (978/1372).

Other candidates pass rate at first attempt 68.3% (2237/3273).

UK resident doctors				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	978	393	1372	71.3%
2-6	266	189	454	58.6%
7+	0	1	1	0%
Total	1244	583	1827	68.1%

Other candidates				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	2237	1036	3273	68.3%
2-6	473	524	997	47.4%
7+	1	8	9	11.1%
Total	2711	1568	4279	63.4%

Table 1. Pass/Fail rates by attempt for UK resident doctors and other candidates. Candidates will be counted multiple times if they have sat on more than one occasion. For example, if a candidate failed at the second attempt but passed on the third, they would be in the fail column for the second attempt but pass column for the third attempt.

More information about the limit on the number of attempts can be found on the MRCP(UK) website here: [limit of attempts](#)

Percentage score by topic

The highest percent correct for UK resident doctors is in Palliative medicine and Psychiatry and the lowest in Haematology. All these topics have a small number of questions tested in the exam.

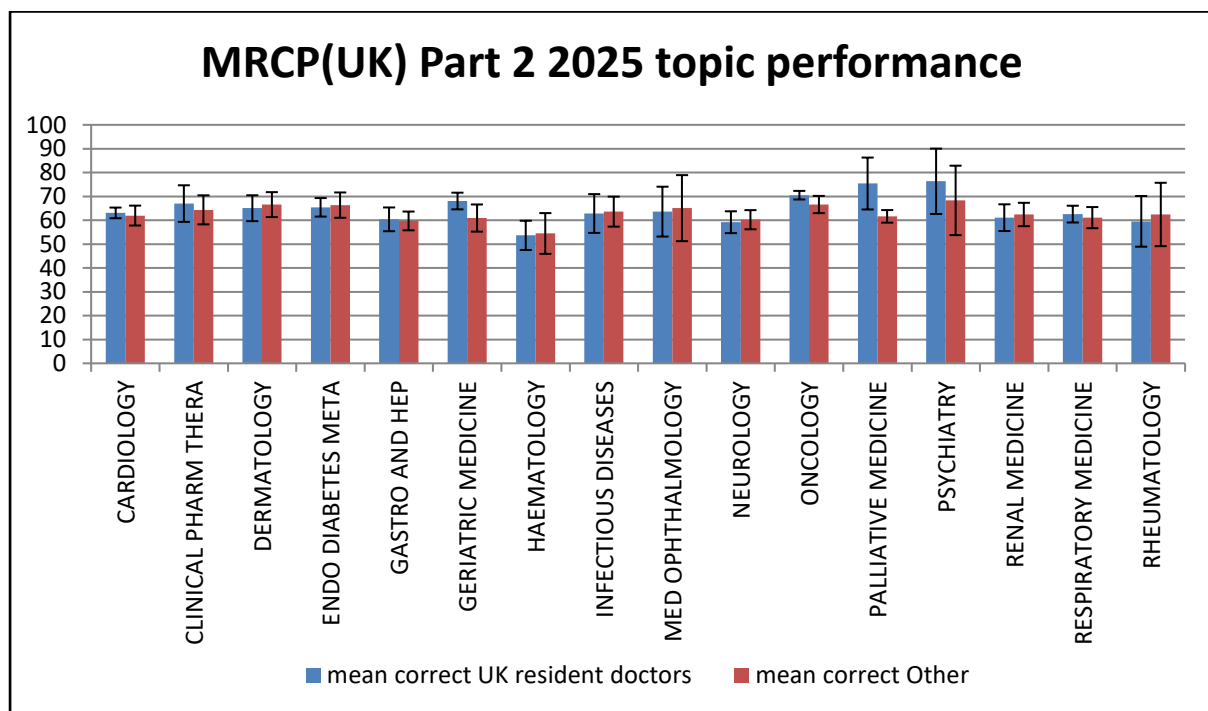
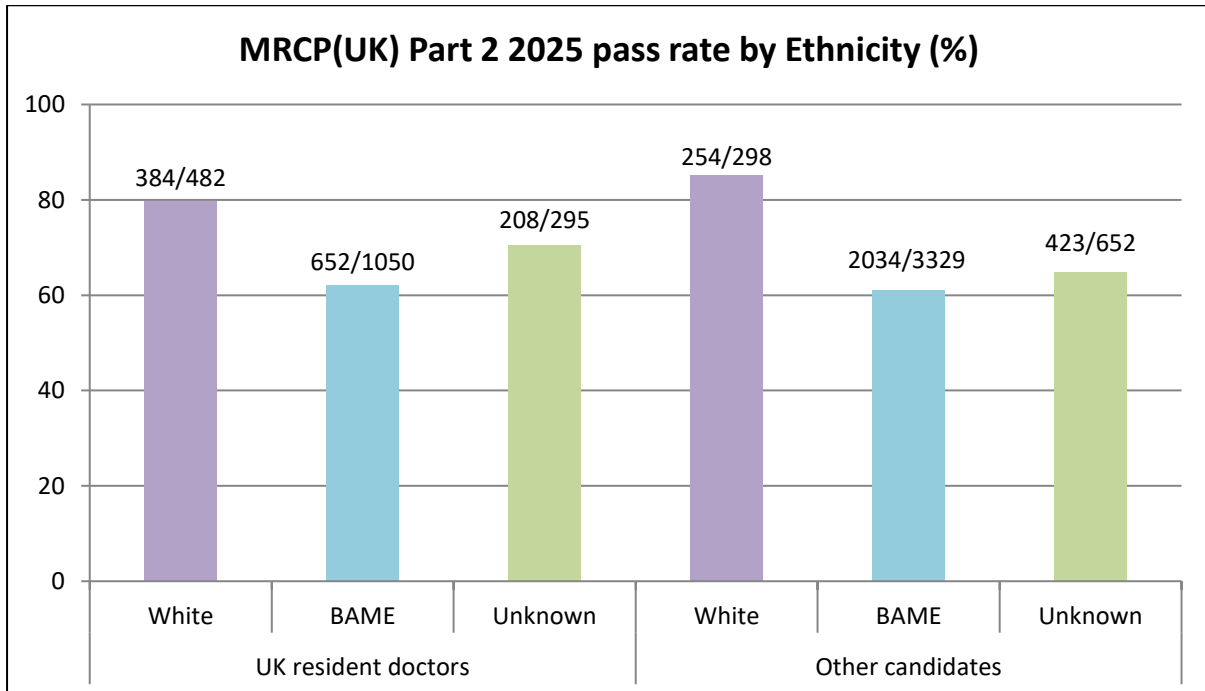
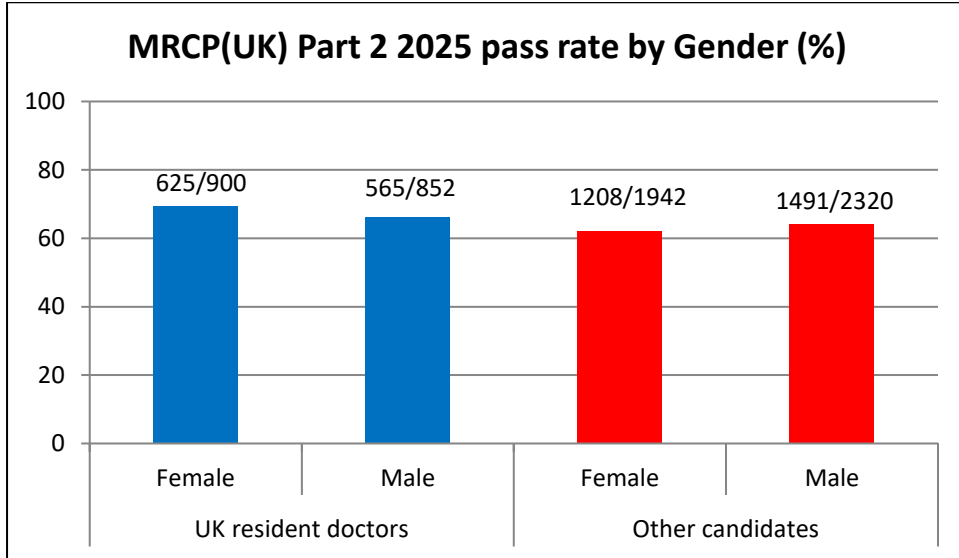


Figure 2. Performance by topic for UK resident doctors and other candidates. Note that the percentages are calculated using scores from all attempts made at the examination.

Pass rate by gender and ethnicity

In 2025 female UK resident doctors are passing in higher numbers than male UK resident doctors, while for the Other candidates group, male candidates' pass rate is slightly higher. There is a small number of candidates who did not declare their gender.

White candidates have higher pass rate than their BAME counterparts. There are many candidates who did not declare their ethnic background (Unknown).



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